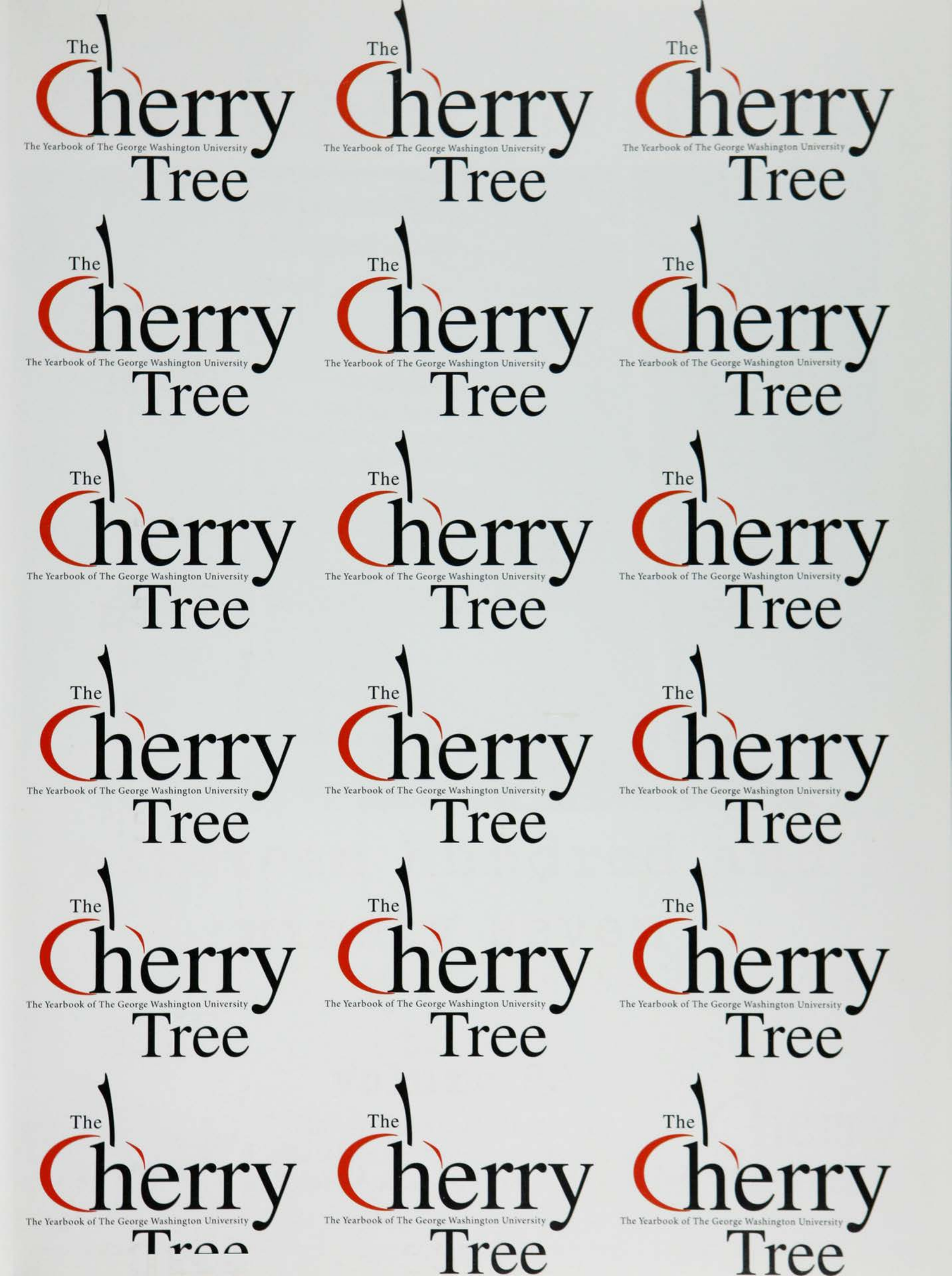
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Through the years, The Cherry Tree has attempted to reflect student life here at GW as accurately as possible. This year was no exception. With that in mind, The Cherry Tree staff members have gone out of their way to go behind the scenes and capture the true essence of GW. The result is...

GW in the buff.



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During Opening Convocation ceremonies, Student Association President Damian McKenna presents this "hipp" banner to University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.



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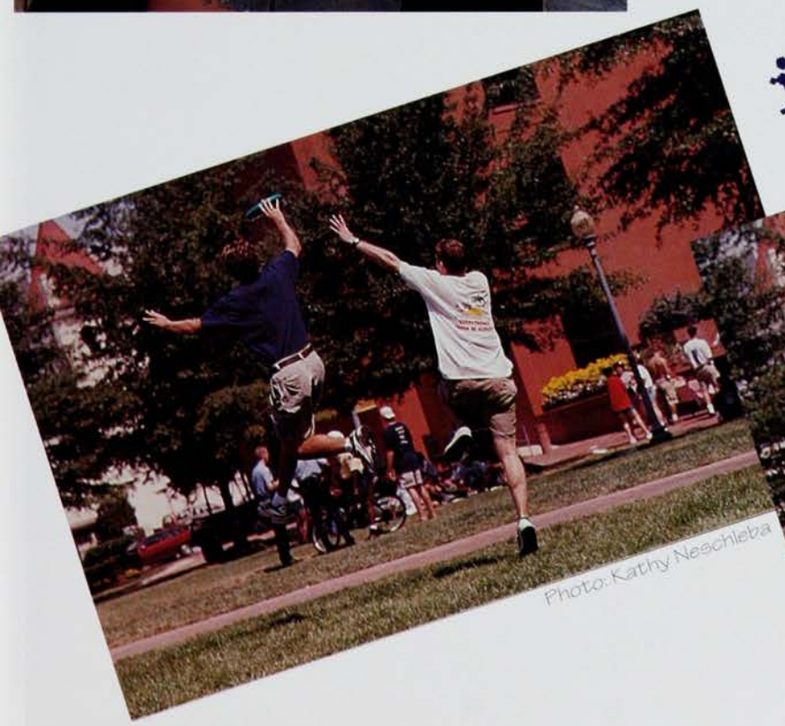


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Around the Town







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Where in DC...?

Can you recognize these DC memorials?

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GW students spend a lot of time at the memorials and monuments that surround the campus. Some of these are a little obscure, though...can you figure out where they are? *(Answers are at the bottom of the page)*

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Answers: 1. The Korean War Memorial on the Mall 2. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall 3. U.S. Grant Statue at the base of the Capitol 4. Neptune at the Library of Congress 5. Statue at the Library of Congress 6. Supreme Court building 7. Confederate Civil War Memorial located in Gettysburg



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Outside Thurston Hall, students unpack their belongings onto the sidewalks and wait for their turn to move in.

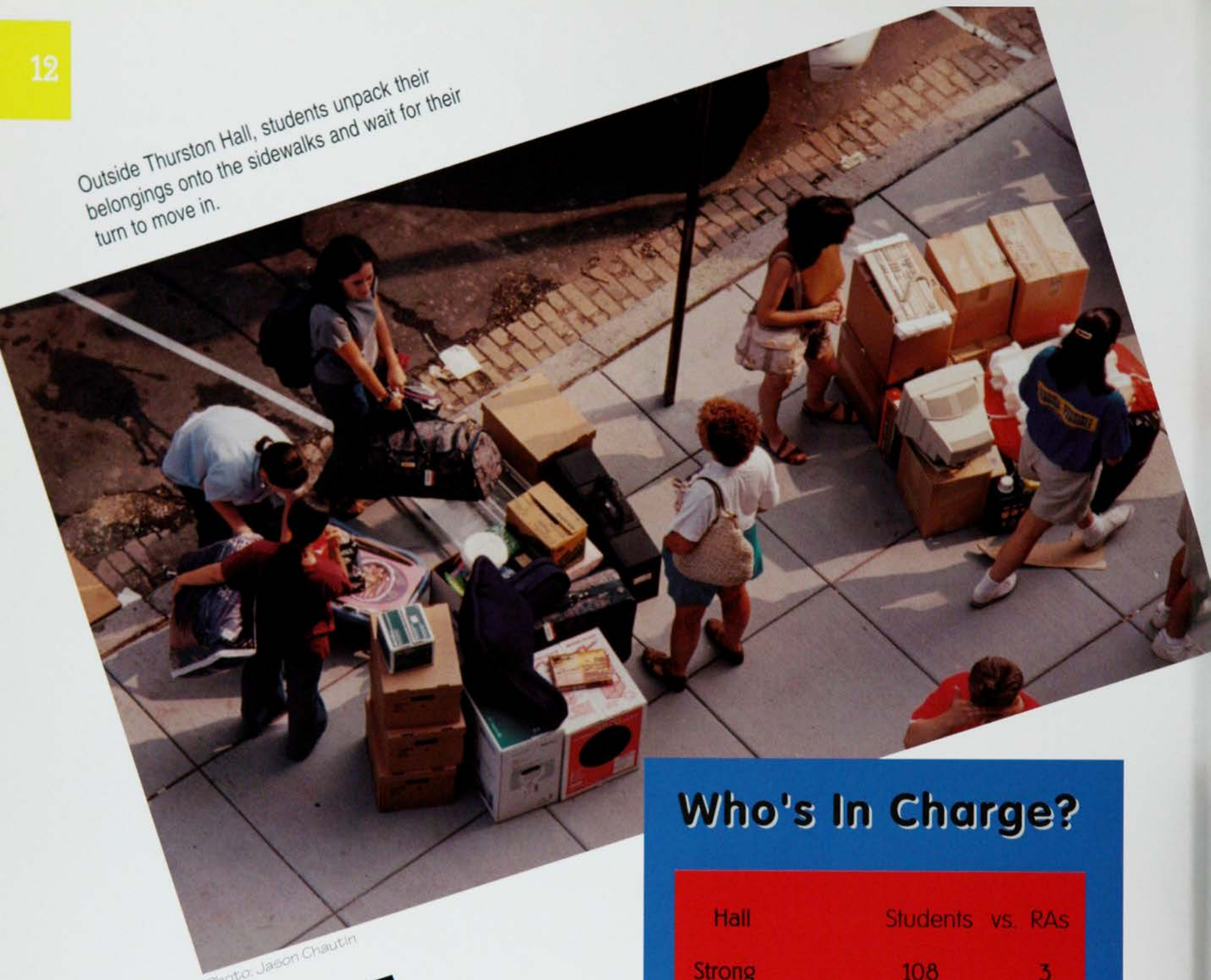


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Who's In Charge?

Hall	Students	vs. RAs
Strong	108	3
Fulbright	195	5
Building JJ	7	1
Madison	192	5
Adams	156	4
Crawford	145	5
Thurston	1020	19
Mitchell	338	8
Munson	142	3
JBKO	237	4
FSK	161	3
Guthridge	152	3
Riverside	132	3
The Dakota	163	2
The Aston	124	2

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NO VACANCY

By Marc Greenfield

Although classes did not begin until Monday, August 26, GW's new year began the preceding Saturday for most on-campus residents. Move-in 1996 brought a flurry of activity from both incoming freshmen and returning students. The over booked residence hall system heightened the flurry.

Of course, the largest and busiest dorm was the all-freshman dorm, Thurston Hall. New student Adrienne Chang described it as "pretty hectic, but very exciting." One of the most



Photo: Kathy Neschleba

Senior Leslie Gigliotti drags her packed duffle bag into the main entrance of Munson Hall.

enjoyable parts of moving in was meeting her roommates. "We had all called each other before hand, and it was nice to be able to match the voice to a face."

Thurston Hall would house 1,020 freshmen as well as 16 Resident



Photo: Kathy Neschleba

Assistants, 2 Graduate Assistants, and a Resident Director.

Not all freshmen, however, were clustered together in the confines of Thurston. The abundance of incoming students resulted in freshmen living just about everywhere: from Crawford and Madison resident halls, to the Aston, a luxury hotel. Karen Geld was one of the lucky Aston-dwellers. She preferred the Aston for its cable TV, but she explained that, "Most of all, I like having my own kitchen. I like being able to eat whenever I want." Many freshmen, like Madison Hall resident Gayle Adler, felt that they missed out on something. "For the next four years, everybody will either be talking about Thurston or looking back on it, and I won't have that. But I really like it here, anyway — it's a little more quiet, but I've met a lot of really nice people."

Energetic Resident Assistants were more than ready to greet the new freshmen. Heather Clapp, a Thurston Hall Resident Assistant, looked back on her own freshman year: "I remember moving in as a freshman and I thought it was so overwhelming. Helping out this year on the other side of things, it was still overwhelming! But our staff managed to have a lot of fun with it."

For many returning upperclassmen, move-in happened several days earlier. Savvy sophomores knew to plan ahead and arrive early. The $25 nightly charge for moving in early seemed like a drop in the bucket when one realized the lines and crowds they could avoid. Sophomore Stacey Nolish moved into her Fulbright Hall room several days early. "I really liked moving in ahead of time because it gave me more of a chance to just hang out and have fun before classes started."

By the end of the day, everyone involved was both tired and relieved. No more packing...until moving out in May.



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Greenmount Storage helps returning students move back into their residence halls.







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Lara Khouri plays with a ferret on the Quad during Opening Convocation.

ALL ABOARD

Joshua Barbour



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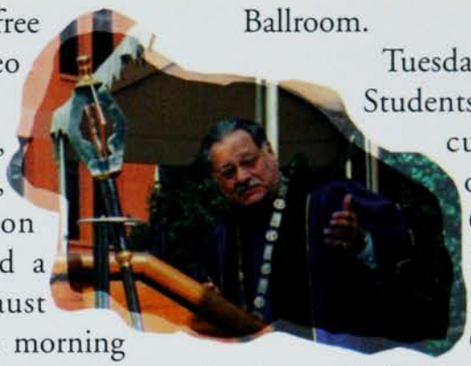


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Matt Borer helps the Quad return to normal after Openning Convocation while tossing around a frisbee.

After a nice summer break, the 1996-97 school year began. During our first week back, while we were busy meeting new friends, re-meeting old ones, begging at the financial aid office, and venturing into new classes, there could have been no better way for the University to say hello again than free T-shirts and Hippo Hats: Welcome to Welcome Week 1996!

Jason Toney and Heather Malkin, the coordinators of Welcome Week '96, kicked it off with the Rock n' Bowl on August 22. According to Toney, this years Rock n' Bowl scored a record attendance boasting free bowling, pool, video games, and music.



After that first, fun-filled night, Hillel, the Jewish center on campus, cosponsored a trip to the Holocaust Museum. Early that morning interested students met in front of Thurston Hall and made their way to Washington, DC's newest museum.

The next morning, students missed their favorite Saturday morning cartoons to check in at the residence halls. From 8:00am until 4:00pm and then again from 7:00pm to 10:00pm students moved in to their new homes. A few students interested in a break, met at 1:00pm for a tour of historic Foggy Bottom hosted by the Student Association.

After a grueling day of moving in and getting ready for classes, many students used Sunday, the 25th for rest and relaxation. A lucky few who managed to get tickets took a cruise down the Potomac on the "Spirit of Washington" to beautiful Mount Vernon. During the evening, everyone was invited to see "Twister" on the Quad. After leaving the event, one freshman had a question: "Are all GW's movies this loud?"

As students returned to classes Monday morning, the Student Services Fair sponsored by the Student Association showcased services provided by GW. Once classes were over and the dust had settled, the pros from Massage Associates offered a workshop on massage and stress-reduction techniques in the MC Ballroom.

Tuesday, was quite busy. Students found out about cultural services offered at GW in Gelman Yard at the Multi-Cultural Student Services Center Kick-Off Event. The Colonnade Gallery Exhibit Reception offered refreshments and the first look at the new exhibit entitled "Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's Integration of Major League Baseball."

And then finally, our first free tee!!! Lisner Auditorium hosted two comedians, Peter Berman and Greg Behrendt, while welcome week staff gave away free T-shirts and posters. Before the second comedian got his closing line out, the attendees rushed for the doors drooling over the illusive free tee. An amazed freshman mumbled, "It was an Exodus."

Welcome Week continued on Wednesday afternoon when the International Services Office sponsored

NEXT STOP...

the Global Bazaar on Gelman Yard. Additionally, Opening Convocation boasted a free T-shirt, the acclaimed Hippo Hat, and the unveiling of the class of 2000's new banner. The Student Association presented President Trachtenberg with a banner sporting the new Hippo in appreciaiton of all he was doing for the University. When asked about it he beamed, "I love the banner." The day finished up with the Student Organization Open House, a new event sponsored by the Program Board and the Student Association. Jason Toney called it, "a great success."

On Thursday, August 29, the International Student Society sponsored the International Garden Party. Later that night, the Marvin Center hosted "Destination MC," a party in the Marvin Center. A junior at his first such event said, "It's more fun than I thought. I could be doing homework."

Friday's not so busy schedule consisted of the Great Train Robbery Scavenger Hunt. Students explored DC while competing to complete their lists first. First prize was a day trip to Baltimore.

Saturday repeated the Holocaust Museum Tour. Later that afternoon, on Gelman Yard, the GW Neighbor's Project and the Office of Community Service offered interested students the opportunity to volunteer to help the surrounding community. One senior at the event reminisced, "It's the same every year. These freshmen came with all these hopes and ideas. It reinvigorated all of us. I love it."

On Sunday, some lucky students traveled to Potomac Mills Shopping Center and filled their day with power shopping at over 350 stores. The ACTION (Assertiveness in Community Training in Our Neighborhoods) Team Program taught us how to be more effective communicators. The Soul Train Back-to-School Dance gave students a chance to cut a rug and show all the new moves they learned over Summer.

Welcome Week concluded on Monday, September 2 with the "Battle of the Classes" on the University Yard. Although plagued by low attendance, it offered a day of fun in the sun. Monday also kicked off a number of filmings of the television debate show, "Crossfire," in the Dorothy Betts Theater. Welcome Week wound down with a screening of the movie "How I Got into College" at the Smith Center pool.

Finally, with Welcome Week over, GW students returned to the grind that is college. Special thanks to Jason Toney and Heather Malkin, the coordinators of Welcome Week, as well as everyone who helped out with this years events. Jason Toney said it best: "Welcome Week is something the University does for us out of the kindness of their heart. It's another good thing about GW."





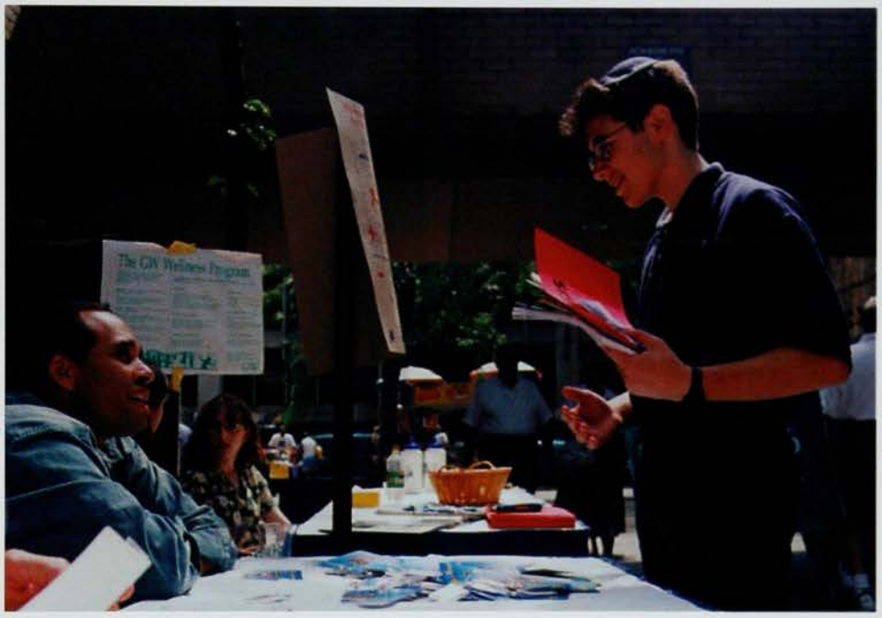
Characturist, Marcia Klioz Hough, scetches a laugh at Destination MC.

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Greg Behrendt has students rolling with laughter in the aisles of Lisner Auditorium



Mosheh Moskowitz checks out swimming at GW with the recreational sports director: Aubre Jones.

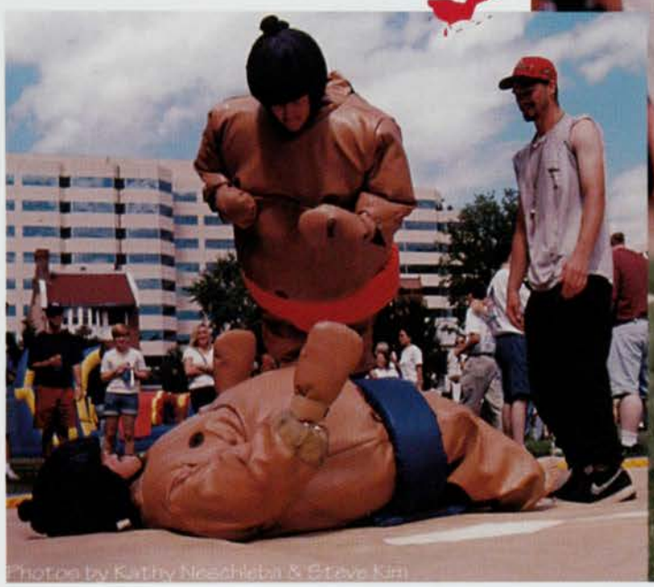
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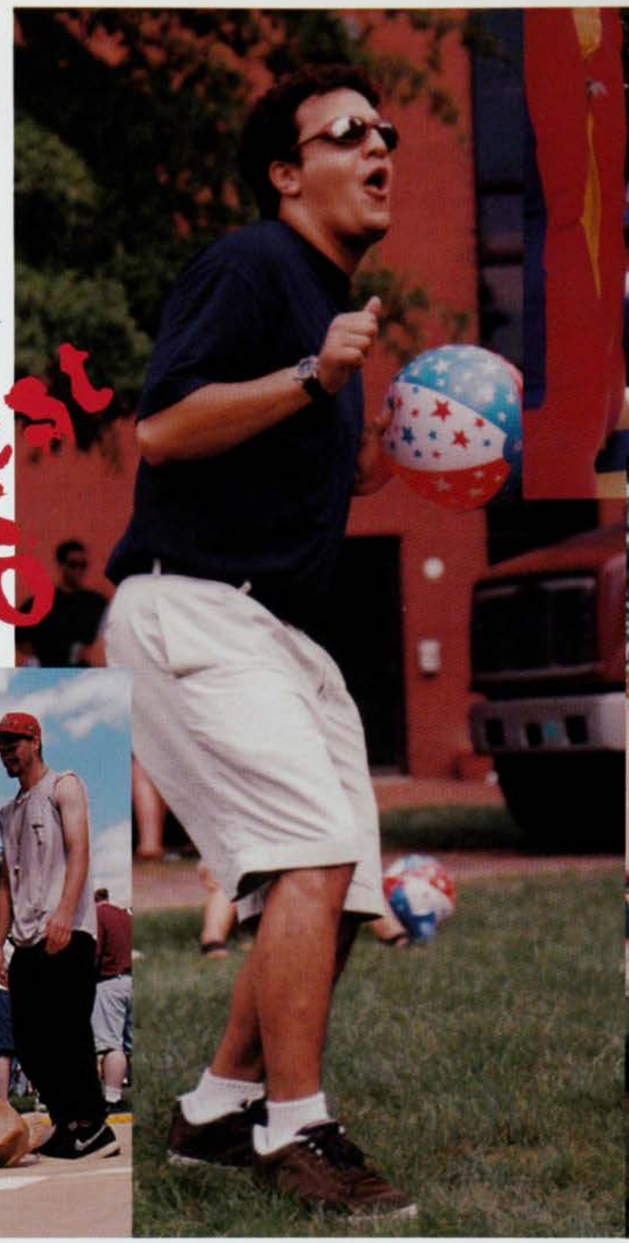
Geraldine Ferraro (far left) and Robert Novak (far right) talk it up on Crossfire in the Marvin Betts Theater.



Photo: Carl Shenkler

The Year's Biggest Political Party: Fall Fest '96









Photos by Kathy Nesshleba & Steve Kim

Does anyone have a blow-dryer?" asked Parties Chair Omar Ashmawy, as he charged into the Program Board office. At 7:30 am on the 7th of September, the wheels had already begun to turn in MC 429. It was Fall Fest 1996. Fall Fest was a notorious day of fun in the sun with lots of free food, giveaways, live bands, and games. However, many of the students were probably not aware of how close Fall Fest 1996 was to never seeing the light of day.

Hurricane Fran had hit downtown DC the day before, soaking any one who dared to brave the wind and rains. It seemed inevitable that Fall Fest 1996 would be held in the Marvin Center Ballroom. However, when the day of the seventh dawned, there was not a gray cloud in the sky. With the odds in our favor; Fall Fest was held outside.

By 11:30 am. there was already a long line by the H Street entrance to the Quad for the infamous free Fall Fest T-shirts. In honor of the Presidential elections, 1996's theme was "This Year's Biggest Political Party." With sugary strands of cotton candy and the smell of grilled hamburgers, Fall Fest 1996 drew around 3,000 students.

Fall Fest featured seven games including Sumo wrestling, a mini-golf course, and a 15-foot inflatable mountain. Sophomore Saima Mirza, stated enthusiastically that she really enjoyed the Sumo Wrestling. Her comment: "It was sweaty. But, it wasn't my sweat which was really gross." Then there was the less-well-known fact that free pool and bowling was being offered during the afternoon. Adam Brady took advantage of the free pool and bowling; the sophomore's only reply was, "It kicked ass!"

As always, there was an open grill the entire afternoon which satisfied the ravenous appetites of all the students. For those who had a sweet tooth, there were bee-attracting snow cones and sticky cotton candy. People milled around the entire afternoon, eating, dancing and just having fun.

As people walked by the Quad, they were drawn in by the loud music of three, local DC bands: Standard Deviation, Everything, and Sorry About



Your Sister. While many students questioned why there had been no big name bands, concert chair Jen Vento thought, "for the type of day that it was and the event, I felt that it worked out best this way." Despite the fact that a well-known artist did not perform at Fall Fest, GW students still enjoyed a day out in the sun listening to the great bands. Senior Heather Malkin, said that while she enjoyed the sounds of Standard Deviation, the other groups were "not really her flavor, even though the crowd seemed to really enjoy it." However, there were certain students who were not too happy with the music played that afternoon. One student, Aaron Wynn, said, "I don't understand why they always have to play this kind of music. Why can't they play contemporary music?"

The highlight of the day, though, was the bountiful giveaway raffled off intermittently throughout the afternoon. With ten sponsors this year, the Program Board was able to give away many prizes including two roundtrip tickets on USAir. Tetra Hair Salon also made its appearance at Fall Fest by giving free haircuts and massages for GW's stressed-out students.

Graduating senior Doni Tawi said, "After attending this year's Fall Fest, I just have to say that it gets better every year." Freshmen Gayle Adler thought, "I liked Fall Fest because it had a lot of stuff that was different. It wasn't your average event held to attract people. There wasn't any fluff stuff there. Fall Fest offered things people wanted like massages, haircuts and free trips!" Sudhir Hegde felt that it was "a very good way for students to take a break from studying and just have some fun." Even the members of Program Board were able to kick back, relax and enjoy Fall Fest. So, for some good, old-fashioned fun: Y'all come back now, ya hear!

by Mei-i Zien

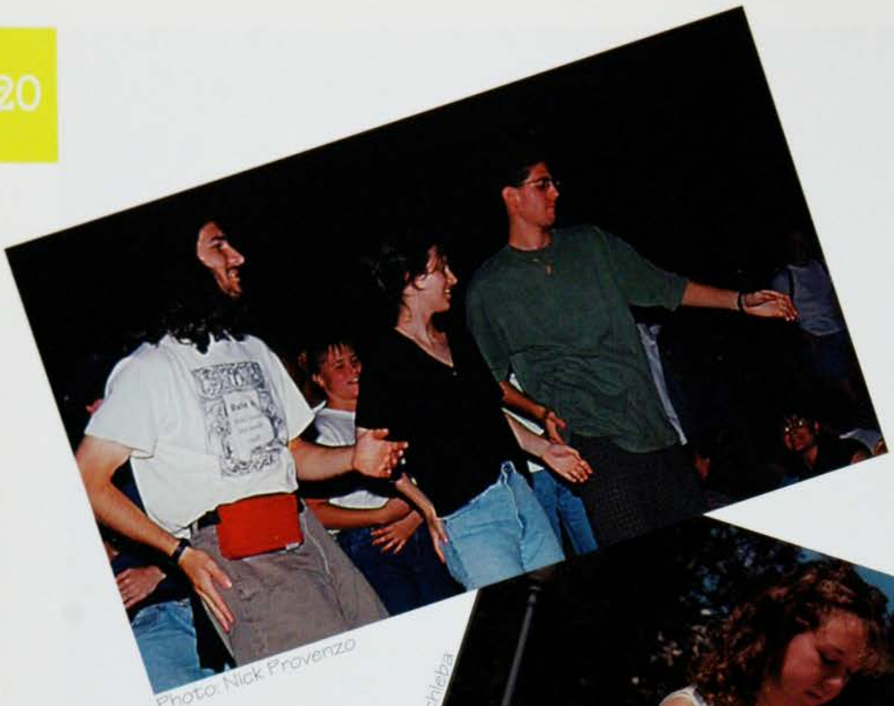


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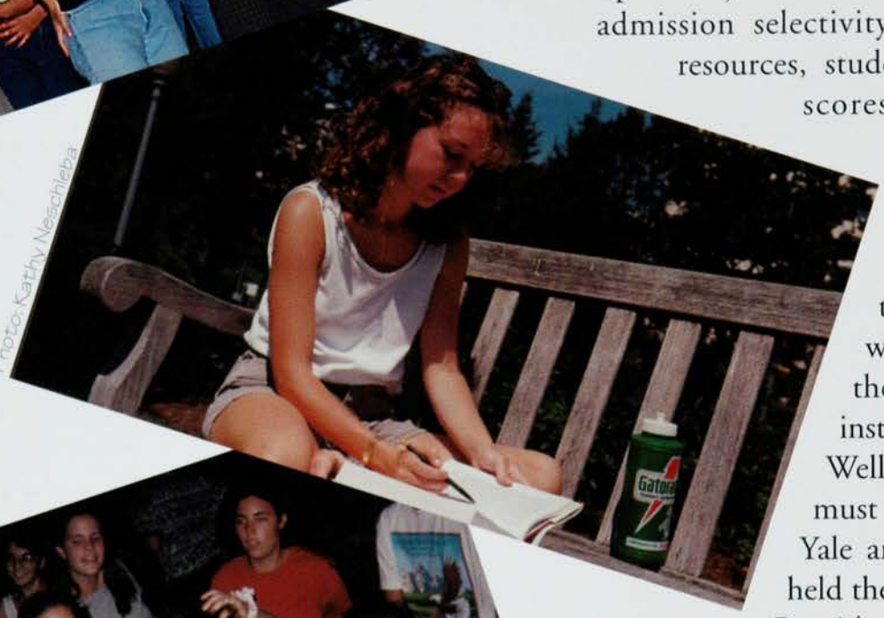


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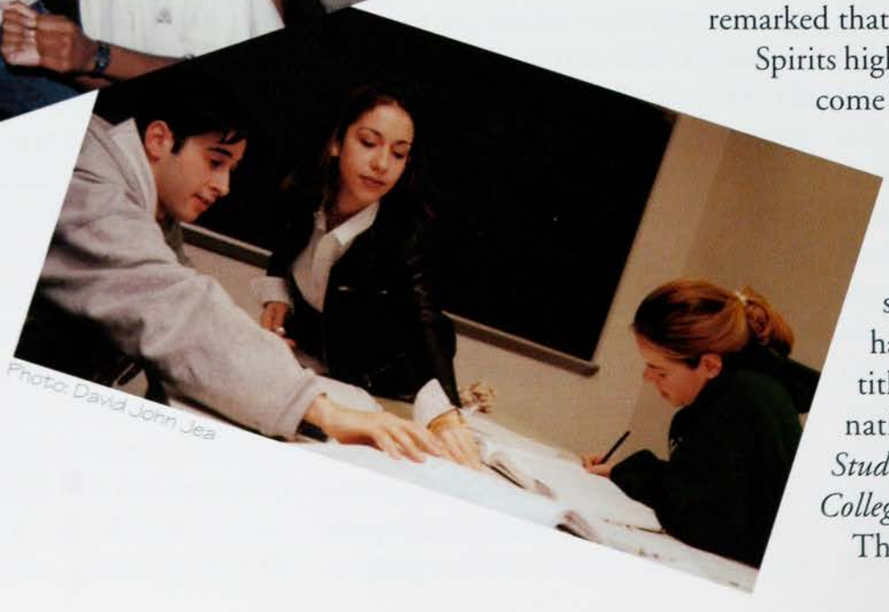


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Elation and pride ran rampant in George Washington University students as the news spread: GW had surfaced on the national scene. For the first time in University history, we landed in the "first tier" of the 1996 *U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges* issue.

GW claimed a spot among the top 50 schools in the nation. Out of the 229 universities ranked upon objective factors including student admission selectivity, faculty and financial resources, student retention rate, SAT scores, and percentage of freshmen in the top 10% of their high school graduating class, GW claimed the 46th spot as their own. Who, might one wonder achieved status as the number one and two institutions of higher learning? Well, to no great surprise, we must look to the Ivy League—Yale and Princeton respectively held the distinctive honors.

But, it's not like the GW of 1996 is noticeably different from the GW of 1995, or 1994, or any other recent year. We won the contest this year because, in relation to higher-ranked institutions, we had smaller classes and because the objective data statistics of the above said categories leaned in our favor. President Trachtenberg, among other University officials, remarked that the ranking was "long overdue."

Spirits high, GW students barely had time to come off their high when news began circulating that GW had acquired another trophy. Not only had GW moved up in academic reputation and overall student rankings, but the University had also earned the oh-so-prestigious title of "No. 2 party school" in the nation according to the Princeton *Student Advantage Guide to the Best 310 Colleges.*

This time, the buzz around campus

Party On

By Lori Rothstein

was a varied mix of surprise, amusement, and disbelief. How did GW follow only Florida State University in part-ayin'? Could it be possible, really, since not only did we house less than 6,000 undergrads, making us look tiny compared to state schools like Penn State and University of Maryland, who had over 40,000 undergrads, but we were a mere 18% Greek and we didn't even have a football team! So was it safe to say that when we rage, we rage second-best in the nation? Some students would say we rage the best, but most students would confirm, after examining their own party patterns, that our quality of rage was near the bottom of the scale.

What, most students wondered, could this ranking possibly be based on? Well, Princeton Review, lacking greatly in proper research methodology, surveyed about 100 random college students from 310 Universities nation wide on their alcohol and drug compensation, hours of daily study and popularity of the Greek letter system, among other questions. And after finding out what the criteria were, surprise still filled the minds of many students. "Our location amidst the nation's capitol pretty much makes it impossible to really party," said sophomore Jenny Binder. "I mean, we can go to a bar, if we can get in and we can go to the occasional, overcrowded frat party, but, it certainly isn't like Animal House," Binder continued.

Ain't that the truth! It was virtually impossible to party hardy cuz we sho' didn't have the means or the knowhow. So, were the findings of *The Washington Post,* who after our distinction was announced, printed a faux-investigative article, entitled "Party Hardly". The article confirmed, after the reporters visited the University on a Wednesday night and were unable to locate a true party, what most of us had thought all along: We were not a true party school.

Amazingly, GW moved up in both academic and party rankings! Doesn't this, after all, create the ultimate dichotomy? If we partied as well as Princeton Review said we did and we achieved the level of academic nobility that *US News and World Report* bequeathed upon us, how could it all have been so? To deal with the conflicting claims and the even more disparaging evidence, it was important to keep it all in perspective said Junior Sapna Thakkar: "As much as I appreciate having the rankings to increase the awareness and recognition of our school, when it comes down to it, there are many factors involved in the actual decision-making process like the school's location in our nation's capitol and programs like the athletic and honors which, in the end, are much more important than a couple of rankings in a directory."



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Give and ye shall Receive

By Fu-Shing Wu

GW students acted up and acted out during the 1996-1997 school year. But, they didn't do this in their classrooms. Rather they moved into the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. And it wasn't havoc that they brought to D.C., but service...community service.

Community service was big at GW and students got involved on many levels making "reaching out" rather simple. There were two branches of service at GW. The first was the various service organizations like Circle K and Golden Key Fraternity which were local branches of national organizations committed to offering themselves to the community. Then there were the Greek letter organizations and other campus groups which, as a component of their activities, donated time to different philanthropic endeavors. The second branch of service that is available at GW was the Neighbors Project.



Student volunteers, Rochelle Reyes and Karrin Perez, play ring-around-the-rosie with a group of children with the Neighbor's Project.

What was the Neighbor's Project? It was GW's AmeriCorps program and a project of the Office of Community Service which sought to build a bridge between the University and Foggy Bottom. Neighbors strived to effect long-term change in these communities through a concentrated, comprehensive program of service. According to Tammy Watts, the Project's coordinator, Neighbors understood that service to the community not only impacted the community, but also the individual who gave their service. The program offered students a chance to reflect on their own relationship to poverty, class and race issues as it connected to their service work.

Since it began in 1992, the Neighbor's Project had grown from a few student leaders and less than 50 volunteers, to a staff of 20 AmeriCorps members and over 500 volunteers. Because Neighbors was committed to addressing the community's needs as the community voices them, the program was split into seven different projects. These projects allow for the Corps members to be truly integrated into their agencies and to know the unique strengths and needs of their site. Each of these programs was headed by a different AmeriCorps member who coordinated volunteers and planed activities and programs for their service.

The first of these projects was the Youth Empowerment Project which was coordinated by Corps members Michael Sesay, Ariel Robello and Jeff Caltibiano. Michael and Ariel's program worked with the New Community After School Advocacy Program in tutoring individual students or supervising group activities. Michael grew up in the Shaw neighborhood and went to the schools which the students he tutored attended. He, therefore, had a very keen sense of what these students needed. He learned not only how to work with others, but also that it was possible to learn from the students as they learned from him. Jeff coordinated a similar program at Northwest Settlement House in tutoring and mentoring students of all ages in various after school programs.

The second and third projects also worked with children. They were the Service Learning Project and Project Teach. Service learning worked to integrate community service into the academic curriculum by leading weekly service-project based classes. Projects include tree plantings and cleanups. Nicole Kibert, one of the Corps members, said this about the program: "I think this work has encouraged me to believe that people do care about problems and that they will take action. It was truly satisfying to share what I have learned about the environment with these students." Project Teach, coordinated by individual Corps members assigned to a specific school, provided a one-on-one tutoring opportunity to the students in three of D.C.'s public schools. One Corps member coordinator was Ludi Souter-Kline who organized tutors at DC's For the Love of Children (F.L.O.C.) school. She had worked with the school for two years and had established a relationship



Photo by Zeki Weki

Left: Karmella helps in cleaning up Foggy Bottom.

Below: Dan Ronner helps Carlos Reyes clean up the Neighborhood.



Photo by Zeki Weki

with the faculty and students so that when she walked in she was instantly recognized and welcomed in by students and teachers, alike.

Neighbors also created Project Renovate and Greener Shaw. The first, coordinated by Smita Vadakekalam, worked with Mana Inc. to construct low income housing units and help first time buyers through the home buying process. The latter, coordinated by Nicole Kibert and Megan Myers, taught environmental education classes, lead service classes and participated in cleanups and greening activities.

The last two projects were the Healthy Neighborhood Project and Project C.A.R.E. The Healthy Neighborhood Project, coordinated by Chevelle Glymph, Duane Foster, Roy Mathew and Anna Speciale, supported community clinics by assisting physicians, working in the lab, translating for Spanish speaking patients or doing outreach and education on health related issues. They worked with Bread for the City and Zacchaeus Free Medical Clinic, Whitman Walker Clinic and La Clinica del Pueblo. Project C.A.R.E. helped to build a bridge between isolated older persons and the world around them through a variety of services such as errand running, friendly visiting and meal delivery. Corps member Zaheer Arastu coordinated the program which worked with Emmaus Services for the Aging.

The University considered the Neighbors Project their primary service initiative. While it was but one of the many service organizations on campus, it was unique in that it was an official University program that employed students to organize other volunteers for service. They not only reached a great number of students and community members but affected change in the students and in the community. So, if it was written somewhere in the GW charter that college students must act up and act out, let them do so in a way that will alter their surroundings and themselves. Let them serve their community. And they sure are.



Photo by Zeki Weki

There were over 500 GW students who volunteered on a regular basis for the Neighbor's Project, alone. Bravo, George Washington, community service has allowed you to act up and act out in a life-enriching way.



Damian McKenna awaits a pitch during SA Fun Day.

Photo: Steve Kim



Amusing themselves with the pigskin: (from right to left) Lori Pederson, Amy Duhaime, Andrew Lewis, Johnnie Osborne, and Paul Krause.

Leaders Learn To Lead

Student Leadership at GW



"Okay, here's our strategy..." Anjelious Farmer, Robert Chernak, Andrew Lewis, and Paul Krause at SA Fun Day.

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Students enjoy food, drink, and conversation at SA Fun Day.

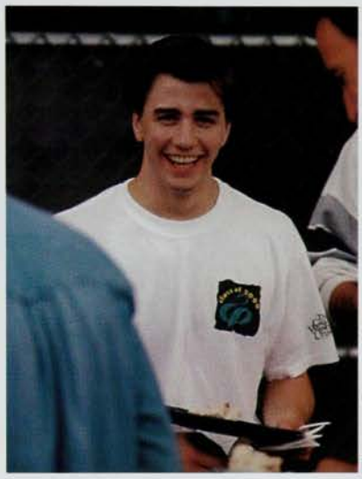


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Student Association President Damian McKenna

Diversity, community, and expensive: GW loved its buzzwords. The latest buzz, it seemed, was student leadership.

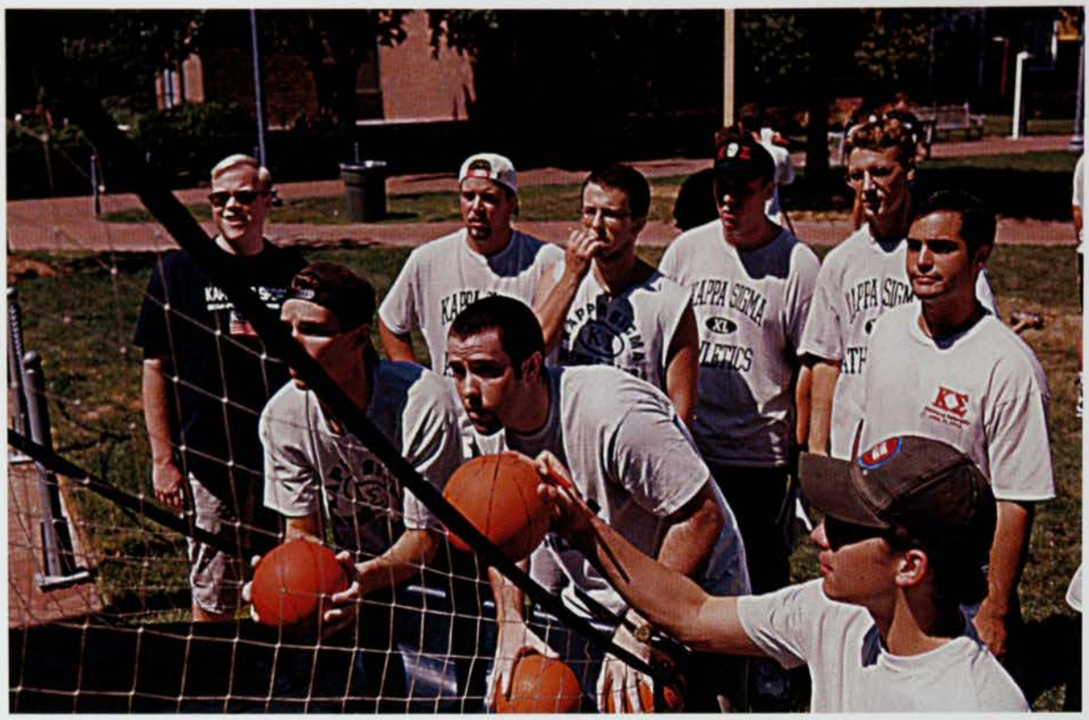
On October 6, 1996, about one-hundred GW leaders boarded four yellow school buses and departed from the Marvin Center for greener pastures, namely the Virginia Campus. After a bouncy, bumpy forty-five minute ride, they descended on the Virginia Campus for a day of workshops, speeches, and free stuff.

The 1996 Student Leadership Conference was coordinated by Shana Greatman, David Petron, and Amy Duhaime, and sponsored by the Office of Campus Life, Program Board, Residence Hall Association, Hatchet, Marvin Center Governing Board, Office of Campus Activities, and the Student Association. One student described the first speaker, Dr. Paul Malone, a professor here at GW, as "a vibrant force of nature." He highlighted for students a number of important leadership issues and with his humorous rapport pumped every one up for the day's activities.

For the next couple of hours, students attended workshops on budgeting, public speaking, and using University resources. Lunch included sandwiches, salad, and a talk with President Trachtenberg. After a few words about hot-topics like the Hippo, Trachtenberg opened the floor to the concerns of the students. After Trachtenberg's "keynote address," students made their way to other workshops including achieving influence and cultural programming. Jacci Grunninger a representative from the Wellness Program concluded the event with a discussion of stress-reduction techniques. A junior bemoaned as he let the air out of his stress balloon, "I can't believe I'm blowing up a balloon to reduce my stress. The scary thing is I kinda like it."

As our buses pulled back into the Marvin Center around 7:00 pm, student and faculty alike were glad to be back on campus. One freshman lamented, "It was fun and informative, but a little too much." A sophomore added that, "I love these things. Free food. Free T-shirts. Free buttons. Balloons. I felt like a kid. Trachtenberg was a little long winded though..."

by Joshua Barbour



During the Battle of the Classes, Kappa Sigma brothers cheer for their teammate as he attempts to make the all important shot.

Unlimited

Unlimited Access. That's one of the things that you got by being Greek at GW. As a Greek, one got special opportunities to explore the community, as well as the feeling of brother- or sisterhood. Unlimited Access was the theme for GW's Greek Week (September 2 - September 9, 1996). The Greek community at GW, which made up 14% of the student body, was out in full force for the week-long event.

Greek Week began on Labor Day with the Battle of the Classes, held on the Quad. Other highlights of the week included an all-Greek dinner at J Street, the Dating Game, where members of fraternities and sororities answered provocative questions and got matched up with one another, a clothing drive, a philanthropic event at DC Central Kitchen.

Throughout Greek Week, which was held prior to fall rush, there was a lot of publicity regarding rush. Greeks were seen all over campus wearing their letters, and sponsoring rush informations tables at the H Street Terrace, as well as in the Quad during Fall Fest.

Greek Week ended with a Closing Ceremony, held in the Marvin Center Ballroom on Monday, September 9th with College Bowl and a banner contest. Delta Gamma was the winner of the evening's banner contest, while Sigma Kappa won the spirit contest. The overall winners of Greek Week were announced by Greek Week Cochairs, Robyn Simmons of Delta Gamma and Greg Farley of Sigma Chi. The Week's victors were Kappa Sigma in first place, Sigma Nu claiming second, and Theta Delta Chi finishing third.

Greek Week was a great opportunity to get the Greek message out on campus and show the GW Community what kind of philanthropic, as well as educational and social events, help to define the Greek organizations of GW. One saw throughout Greek Week just what it means to have Unlimited Access as a member of a Greek letter organization.

by Stacey Anne Shubitz

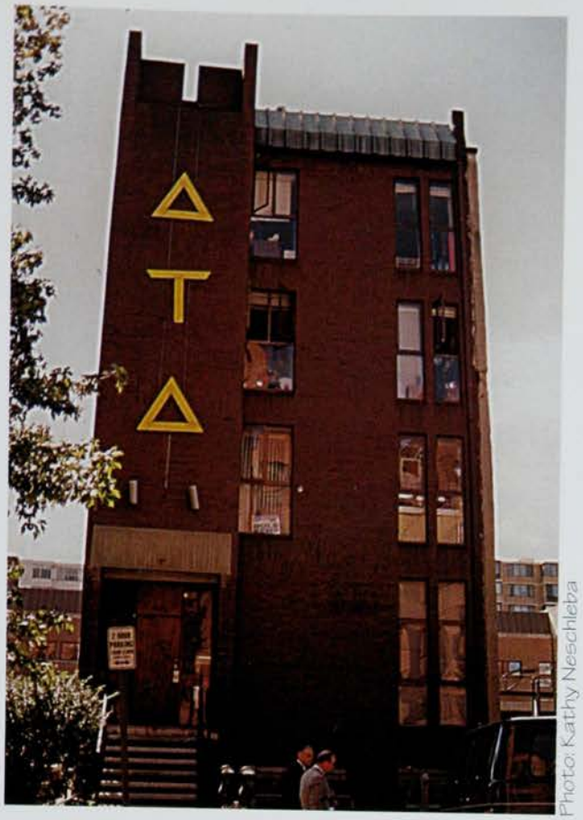


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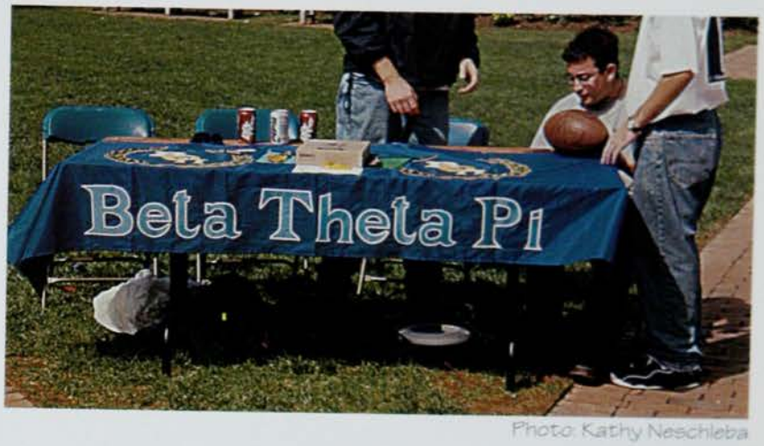


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Greek Week '96



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PI KAPPA ALPHA

RUSH

The 1996 fraternity rush season began on Saturday, September 28th with a concert and a barbecue on the Quad. Each fraternity had a table set up with a representative from their chapter and paraphernalia representing their participation in the Greek system at GW. Rush candidates talked with representatives from twelve of the fraternities in an effort to discover what a GW frat boy really was. Delta Tau Delta's Jimmy Marsh and Phi Kappa Alpha's Dan Zmijewski cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the prospective members.

The Rush process of GW's fraternities then took a more informal route than that of the sororities. After the barbecue, which introduced GW men to the fraternities on campus, these men were left to their own agency in pursuing the fraternities in which they were interested. During the following week, every fraternity held various events at their houses or other locations around campus in order for the brothers and the rushees to meet each other.



Some of this year's events included, Kappa Sigma's Monday night football at Friday's restaurant, Pi Kappa Alpha's billiards with the brother's night, and Sigma Chi's trip to Hooters Restaurant. After the fun-filled week was over and the rushees were through being wined and dined by the brothers, fraternities distributed invitations to a Friday night bash to the candidates they liked most. On Saturday, bids were handed out.

This year, 165 of GW's men received bids from the 12 fraternities on campus. Greek life now accounted for 18% of the undergraduate population at GW and was still growing during the 1996 1997 school year. Freshman fraternity rush had grown from a mere 15% to 25% during the last three years. According to Inter Fraternity Council President Dan Zmijewski, "We had the most successful fall rush in recent years and there was a great turn out for all the events. I am very pleased not only by this fall's success but by the growth I have seen in the system since I have attended the University." Dan was also the Vice President of Pi Kappa Alpha which received 17 pledges as a result of fall 1996 rush.

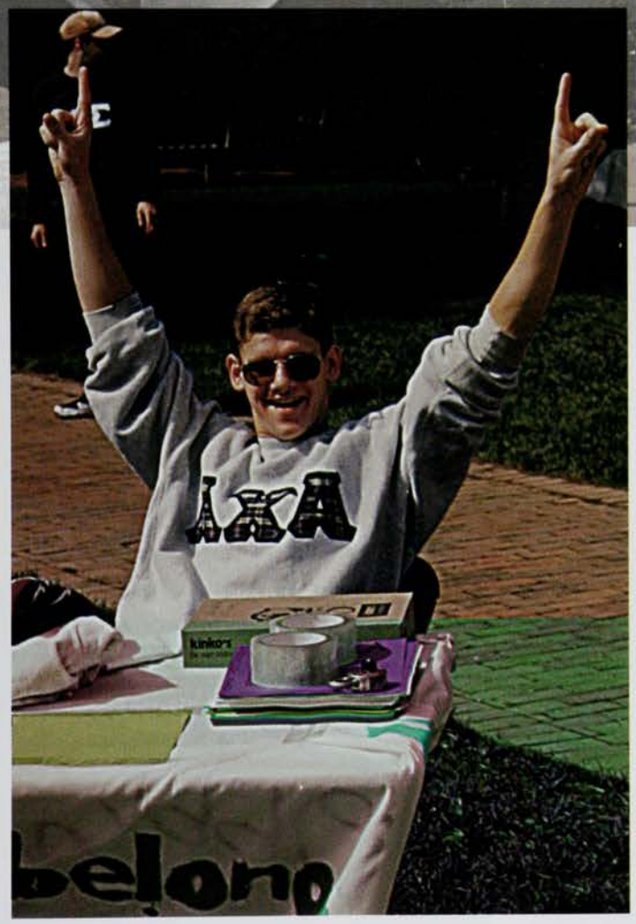
By Angelena Abate

TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Lambda Chi Alpha

Let the Games Begin!





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Alpha Epsilon Pi

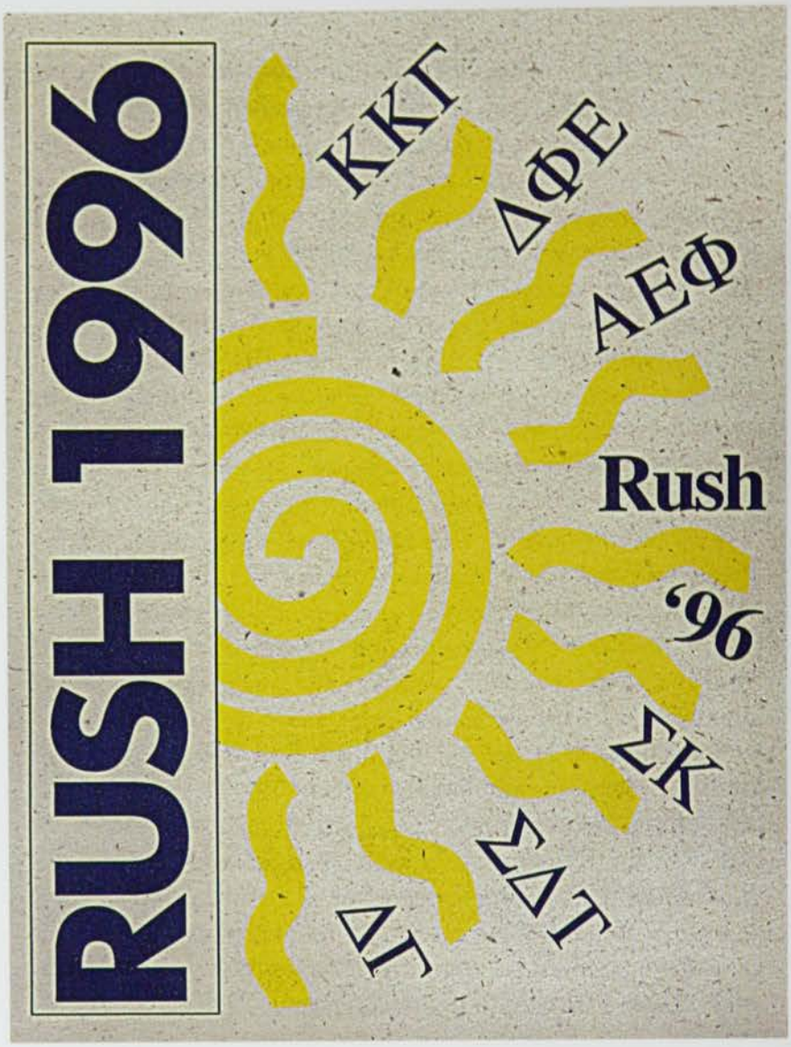
-The University welcomed back Sigma Alpha Mu during the Spring semester— the fraternity was kicked off campus during 1994 for violating University drug and alcohol regulations.

-There was one fraternity on campus that has a house but was not recognized by the University—Sigma Alpha Epsilon—ironically the fraternity house sat opposite GW's police station.

-Fraternities sponsored activities such as date parties, crush parties (where girls are given anonymous invitations to parties by fraternity brothers), mixers with different sororities and formals and semi-formals among many other events through out the year.

-Alpha Epsilon Pi used to have a house situated right next to Foggy Bottom Grocery but they lost their lease right before the 1995 fall semester began.





Did You Know That...

-Each sorority has its own flower, colors, symbols, mottos, and philanthropy?

-Delta Gamma has been the intramural cup champs for five years running?

-Alpha Epsilon Phi coordinates an annual sisterhood road trip called "Destination Unknown"?

-**Delta Phi Epsilon**'s flower is the purple iris and their colors are purple and gold?

-Kappa Kappa Gamma is one of the oldest and largest active sororities nation-wide?

-**Sigma Delta Tau** boasted the "Best Pledge Class" during the 1995 pledging period?

-Sigma Kappa is the reigning champ of Sigma Chi-sponsored Derby Days?

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THE NATURE OF A SISTER



Photos: Courtney Mikoryak

The formal rush period provided undergraduate women at GW with an opportunity to visit each sorority on campus in order to decide if Greek life was for them. The formal rush process began by attending an orientation session, which explained the ins and outs of sorority life at GW, and the rules that surrounded the Rush process. Formal rush took place during "Rush Week," and was divided into four rounds.

The first round, or the Opened Round, was when all rushes (the women signed up for rush) visited each sorority chapter. The parties lasted 25 minutes, with 15 minute breaks in between. The Open Round was beneficial because it allowed each rushee to see every sorority at GW, rather than making a choice based on what they've heard around campus, or the sorority's national reputation. Every sorority at GW had special qualities that made it unique, and all were active and fully supported by the University.

The next three rounds were based on mutual selection. Rushes returned to houses based on invitations and their personal preference. Bid Day was the culmination of Rush Week, where rushes received their bids, or formal invitations to join, from their respective sororities which committed them to pledging the sorority that gave them a bid. The girls then accepted, declined or deferred their bids; although most girls accepted. Then the girls pulled out their wallets—pledging costs range from $230 to $450 (for sisters, the costs range from $190 to $367.50).

This year, close to 200 women signed up for Formal Rush. The Week was extremely successful and sororities we added many new faces to the Greek community. In addition to the existing six sororities, GW welcomed Alpha Delta Pi (ΑΔΠ) to campus. Alpha Delta Pi began its Rush period two weeks after Fall Formal Rush, and 51 women signed on to start a new Greek family here at GW. The other six sororities included Kappa Kappa Gamma (ΚΚΓ), Delta Phi Epsilon (ΔΦΕ), Delta Gamma (ΔΓ), Sigma Kappa (ΣΚ), Alpha Epsilon Phi (ΑΞΦ), and Sigma Delta Tau (ΣΔΤ).

According to Heather Malkin, the coordinator for Greek affairs at GW, this year's sorority rush went especially well: "Despite the national trend of Greek life losing membership, GW has seen an increase. With the addition of Alpha Delta Pi, sororities at GW are stronger now than at any time in the recent past. We look forward to more involvement from all our members, and more Greek-sponsored programming for the University, as a whole."

So, if you saw more Greek letters toting around campus this year and you heard about yet another friend rushing, or pledging or finally being initiated, you weren't alone. We all noticed the Greek influence on campus and it looked like it was here to stay.

by Angelena Abate

Hooked on the games

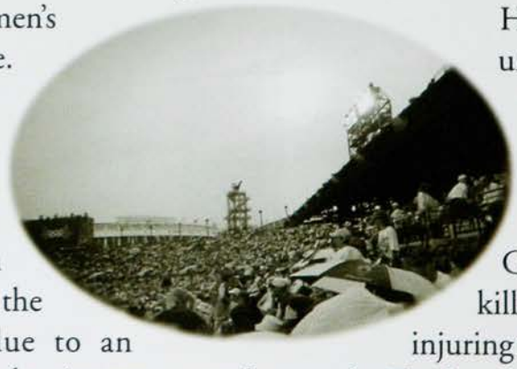
by Toniann Wright



I was there in spirit. Like most other Americans, I sat glued to the television screen from Friday, July 19th until Sunday, August 4th to watch the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. According to NBC, an estimated 200 million Americans watched the Games. Translated: 90% of U.S. households tuned-in to the major sporting event of the year. Part of that percentage myself, the basketball games, volleyball games, the gymnastics meets, track and field events, the equestrian competitions, and even the synchronized swimming events enthralled me.

Many important advancements including better coverage of women's events and better representation of all countries participating characterized the 1996 games. The American women's gymnastic team won their first ever gold medal, and American swimmer Amy Van Dyken took home the gold medal for the women's 50-meter free-style. These victories, among others, bolstered the fact that women, too, are excelling in athletic events at the Olympic level due to an increasing female interest and participation in sports. Participating countries from all over the world also achieved better representation. A different color symbolized each separate country at the start of the Games, making the Opening Ceremonies a very bright, and spectacular show. The ceremonies seemed a little too long, but worth every minute to witness Muhammad Ali ignite the Olympic Torch during the finale.

Truly, the games brought much needed cheer to America. As Charles Kiamie, a first-year student at GW said, "After considering the atrocities committed both within and outside the United States' borders (the TWA bombing, the bombing at the Olympics, and the death of American soldiers) the Olympic Games evoked a sense of nationalism that this country seriously needed." Could it have been the United States' racking up of the most medals: a total of 101 medals, including 44 gold, 32 silver, and 25 bronze that evoked a stronger and more concentrated sense of pride in America?



Hysteria, unfortunately, struck the two-week long party when a bomb exploded in the Olympic Village at Centennial Park, killing one woman and injuring more than a hundred people. The bombing imbued Atlanta air's of happiness and community. Not forgetting any one of the victims, the Olympic athletes had to continue breaking world records. Olympic



spectators had to put aside their feelings of worry and apprehension and keep on watching.

During the summer of 1996, Atlanta, Georgia hosted a sporting event that would change and shape the lives of millions of Americans. At the closing of the Games, I, along with thousands of other Americans, had experienced a variety of different emotions. We had stood in the shoes of American athletes via television. Together with the athletes, we had cried tears of defeat and tears of joy. We observed the American athletes achieve goals, set records, experience hardships and happiness, and win and lose Olympic medals. After the bombing a stronger sense of patriotism burned in all of our hearts. Although we, as spectators, did not come away from the Games with Olympic medals, we came away with something bigger and better — pride in our fellow Americans, and a deeper love for our country, feelings that do not shut off with the click of a television set.



Atlanta 96

Design: Steve Kim

A Family Affair

Curious families crowded around the hippo, exhausted from the double-decker bus ride tour of DC's sites with wobbly legs, a symptom of taking a crack at rollerblading. These were just a few of the many vivid images brought on by The 1996 George Washington University Family Weekend which took place during the weekend of October 18. Once again, it was deemed a great success by everyone involved. Parents, students, professors and administrators all played an important role during the weekend.

Rodney Johnson, the head of Parent Services, said, "Overall, the family weekend was a success. We have done it for many years and every year it seems to get better and better. Our family weekend is different and exciting compared to other colleges' weekends because entire families come and enjoy the events."

This year the events ranged from strictly academic programs held by professors and administrators, like the Dean of Students Office Open House, to family photos at the hippo statue. Families were able to participate in events where everyone could get involved, whether it be a younger brother or sister or a grandmother who had come to GW for the weekend.

A favorite activity was the special exhibition given by the nationally-ranked GW cheerleading team. One parent from New Jersey remarked, "It's nice to see a lot of school spirit when we come to visit. The administration really tried to gear the activities toward things we wouldn't see every day. Taking a tour of the city on a double decker bus and seeing a cheerleading exhibition are fun— at least we weren't in PTA meetings!"

Some parents did take the meeting route, though. During the weekend, the GW Parents Association held their annual meeting in the Smith Center. According to Johnson, 510 parents attended the meeting to discuss various issues related to the university. Johnson said, "This was the third year the PA has been in existence. The turnout we had was amazing when you think that these parents come from all over the country and took time out of their schedules for the same weekend. I put a lot of work into this meeting and it gave me, by far, the most satisfaction of any event the entire weekend."

Many of the parents in attendance remarked that what set GW Family Weekend apart from other schools was the fact that they could explore DC while also involving themselves in University activities. Timothy Sullivan, a parent from Rhode Island, said, "This is the third year we have come to DC to visit our daughter during family weekend. We never run out of things to do because of the city we are in and all the different events GW offers us."

Along with Family Weekend events, GW also hosted many prospective students and their parents during the annual Open House. Johnson said, "Even though it rained on Friday, all of the parents who came had a great experience."





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Are You Ready to

Another presidential election season rolled through the nation's capital in 1996 and thanks to GW student groups, it did not pass without leaving a few notable marks on George Washington's students. Many student groups, ranging from the politically inclined like the College Republicans, College Democrats, College Libertarians, Student Action Alliance and the Student Association, to the socially motivated groups like the Program Board, Greek Affairs and even our own comedy group, Recess, all played a important role in bringing the election issues to GW's campus. GW also joined national efforts including Rock-The-Vote campaigns and Debate watches, in addition to hosting their own rallies, discussions, and mock elections to raise awareness and enthusiasm for the national elections. Here are a few of the events in which GW's political light shined:



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Debate Watch

For those of you who thought that Debate Watch was another hokey event that GW put together to promote school spirit, you were wrong. Debate Watch was a national grassroots effort to raise voter participation and awareness. J-Street broadcast the C-SPAN, commentator-free version of all three debates, and held discussion groups immediately following.

Shannon Tesdahl, one of the group facilitators, and coordinator for the Greek Affairs-sponsored debate, said that facilitating was a pretty intense job. Facilitators had to attend weekly meetings for over a month to discuss how to moderate discussions and to keep up with the issues. Shannon says that the debate watch program spun out of the 1992 elections. "It was an effort to give grassroots back to the people," Tesdahl said. In exchange for pizza and sodas, participants were required to fill out opinion surveys and discuss their own views on the topics addressed during the debates. The results were then sent to the University of Kansas where they were used to prepare reports on national public opinion.

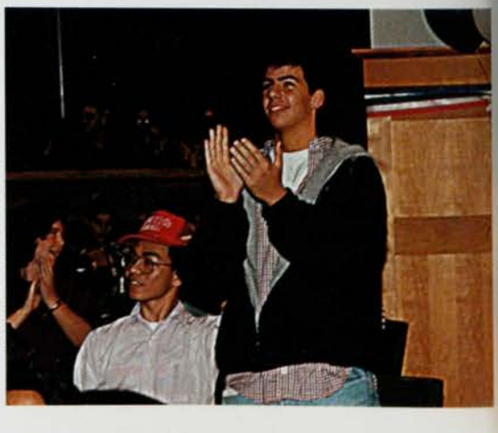
In the end, Shannon said she was disappointed with the turnout at the event. Of all of the people who came to view the debates, only 10 % stayed for Debate Watch, according to Tesdahl.



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RUMBLE?



Rock the Vote

Election season began at GW in September with the most logical step—registration. Since no one can vote unless they've registered, student groups went on a spree, distributing rock-the-vote paraphernalia and instructions on how to register to vote and obtain absentee ballots in every state. The voter registration drive was cosponsored by the Student Association, Program Board, the College Democrats and Republicans. Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, the Program Board's political affairs chair believes the drive was a real success. "Over 400 students registered," Q proudly stated.



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Ross Perot's Vice Presidential running mate and GW alumnus, Pat Choate, speaks to GW students on the importance of third party candidates.

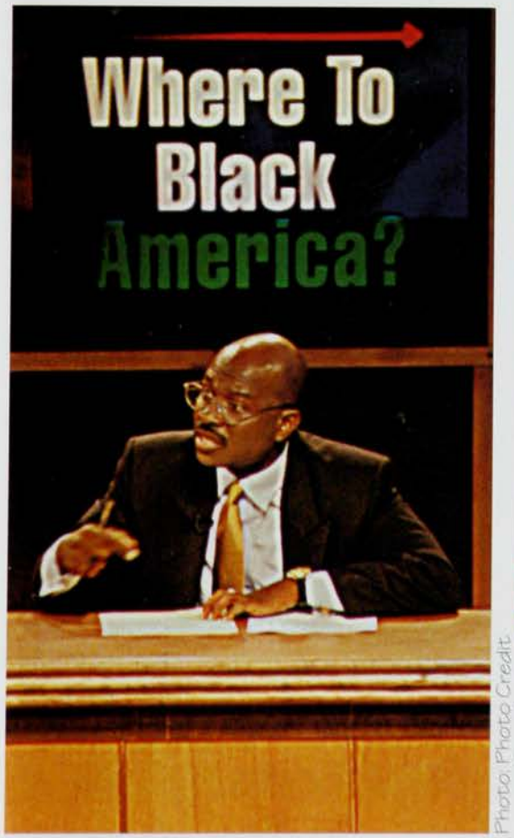


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Virginia Senatorial candidate, Mark Warner, addresses students on his campaign trail.

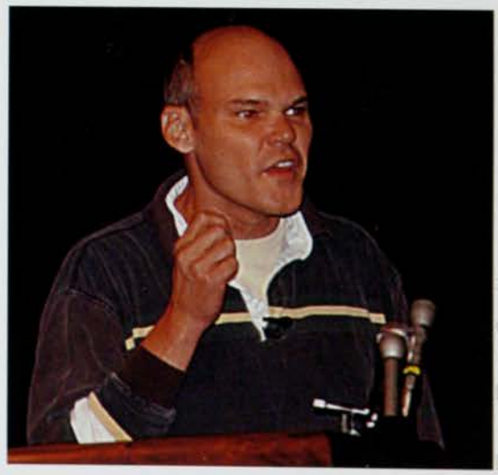


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Political commentator James Carville discusses ethics and the role of political consultants centering around the '96 campaign.

Unity Rally

On a blustery cold Saturday afternoon in early October, the College Republicans hosted a unity rally for all GW and area College Republicans. GW, American, Georgetown, Mount Vernon College, University of Maryland, and Loyola University were all represented. Although originally planned as an outdoor event, the festivities had to be moved indoors due to unseasonably cold weather. It was the day after the coldest day of the year, thus far, and it didn't seem much warmer. Perhaps because of the weather the turnout was not as high as anticipated. Ironically, GW attendance was the lowest of all.



Prominent Republican speakers including nationally syndicated columnists, Armstrong Williams, Morton Blackwell. Local Republican candidates tried to rile up the sparse crowd with talks about ethics and morality. Sean Otley, Republican candidate for a Virginian Congressional seat, emphasized the Dole-Kemp theme of trust and tax cuts. He repeatedly asked the crowd, "Who do you trust? Who's going to cut your taxes?" "Bob Dole! Jack Kemp!" was the enthusiastic response.

During her stand at the podium, April Lassirter, a member of Newt Gingrich's staff, identified young voters by three characteristics: "They're independent-minded, anxious about education and jobs, and skeptical of glossy political speeches." The candidates who kept these characteristics in mind would be the ones carrying the vote, said Able. She ended her speech the way one of television's top nighttime hosts began his, with a "Top Ten" List. Able's list was the "Ten Top Reasons for NOT Reelecting Clinton." Number one on her list: "Democrats in Republican garb are passé."

What was the purpose of the rally? "To raise interest in the campaign and remind everyone that we still have a good shot at winning," said Joe Galli, the national chairman of the College Republicans.

Although the crowd never grew much, the enthusiasm level rose throughout the day. The rally ended with a hearty chant: "Bob Dole! Jack Kemp!"

Election Night Party

Tuesday, November 5, 1996— the night of truth. The College Republicans, College Democrats, and Program Board hosted an election night bash, complete with all the trimmings of a true shebang. Television sets and big screens broadcast live election results, and on-line computers allowed students to find out the results of their state elections. There was plenty of food, including pizza from Armands and a huge cake, a blaring band, and even an occasional table-top dancer joyful because this or that Democrat or Republican won. Although both party groups sponsored the event, an overwhelming number of College Democrats and freshmen milled around, sporting "Clinton—Gore '96" and "Role Hemp" T-shirts and party-specific temporary tattoos adorning their smiling (or in Dole supporters cases, frowning) faces.

Freshman Megan Eice from Vermont confirmed that the student groups had done a good job in putting together the event. "I like being able to find out the election results at home" she said, "but I do wish the band wasn't so loud so we could actually hear the national results."

At 9 p.m., the reelection of incumbent Bill Clinton was confirmed and the Democrats resounded with a deafening chant of "Four more years!" Bill Clinton had obtained the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election, leaving Bob Dole in his dust with only 96 votes.

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And the Winner Is...

When the sun rose on November 6th, not much had really changed in the political world. Bill Clinton was going to live on Pennsylvania Avenue for another four years and the Republicans still had control of Congress, for at least another two. Bill Clinton had gotten his wish to be the first Democratic president to be reelected since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Bob Dole's dream of making an election comeback reminiscent of Harry Truman's days was not realized. While the balance of power hadn't changed, a few things had. For example, campaign financing will never be looked at in quite the same light again because of the controversy sparked by President Clinton's acceptance of foreign contributions from Indonesia and other sources.



Photos: Zeki Gokce

Both the President and the Congressional Republicans had received a wake-up call from the election turnouts. Bill Clinton fell short of the 50% vote-margin that he aimed for, and although Republicans maintained control of Congress, and even picked up a few seats in the Senate, their losses in the House, sent them a message. Both Clinton and Congressional Republicans claim that the vote made them realize that the American public wanted them to work together. They claimed to commit to working together, with Clinton even alluding to creating a bipartisan cabinet to replace his overwhelmingly democratic and liberal cabinet of latter years. Americans had another four years to decide whether politics is just politics or if their decisions made a difference. While GW student groups had four more years to decide how to rock the University's voting patterns in a more effective way.

The Results



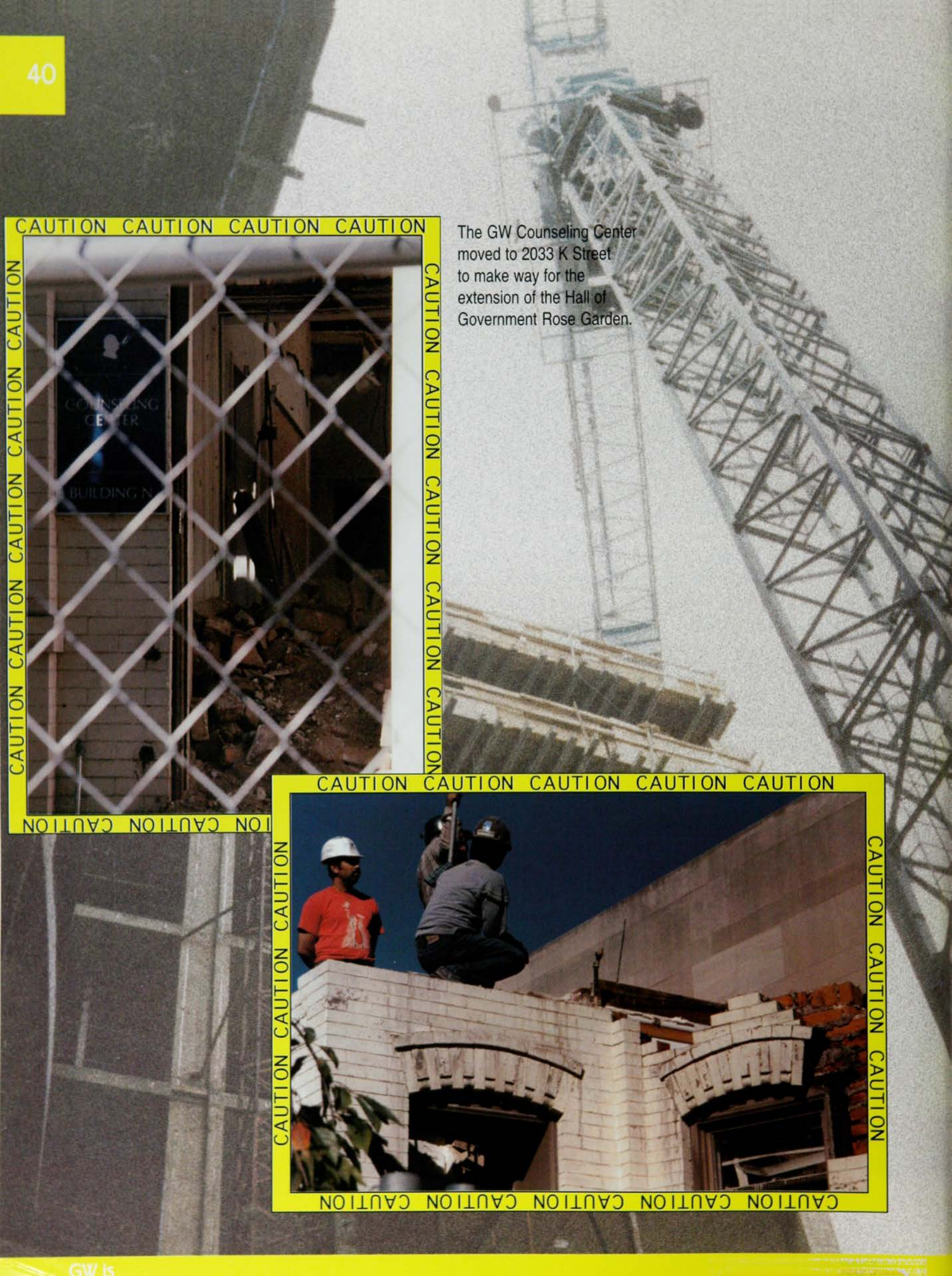
These results reflect the returns reported by the Washington Times on November 6, 1996 and represent 81% of the nation's precincts reporting.

Presidential:
Bill Clinton, Democrat:
38,271,873 votes = 49%
Bob Dole, Republican: 3
2,115,155 votes = 41%
Ross Perot, Reform:
6,555,734 votes = 8%

Senatorial:
Republicans 54 seats
Democrats 45 seats
Undecided 1 seat

House:
Republicans 212 seats
Democrats 189 seats
Independents 1 seat
Undecided 33 seats

The undecided seats are a result of gerrymandering of districts in many states. In layman's terms, states, such as Texas, are reorganizing the districts which vote for certain candidates for office. Therefore, since these states are not sure who is voting for which candidates (mostly for the House seats) they are not sure who has won. In the weeks following the election, results will be announced. However, The Cherry Tree went to press before the winners were determined.



The GW Counseling Center moved to 2033 K Street to make way for the extension of the Hall of Government Rose Garden.





UNDER CONSTRUCTION





GW's newest residence hall begins to take shape. The new residence hall is located at 2350 H Street, next to Hillel's Gewirz Center.

Feel the BURN

Mamta Kaushal

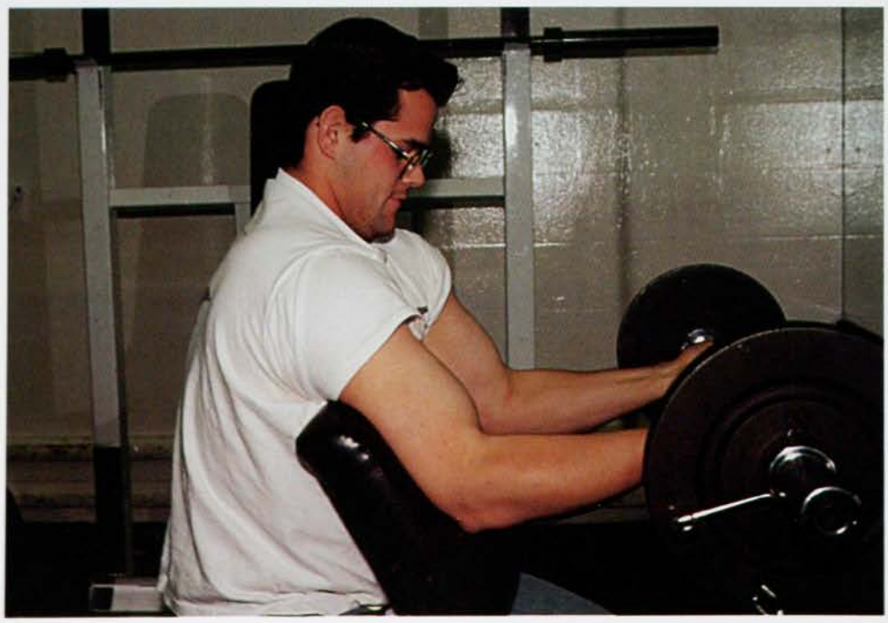
George Washington is sporting lycra shorts and a sports bra— or so was the rumor going around campus this year. If you ever strolled the streets of Foggy Bottom while school's in session, you probably had to dodge an occasional runner or rollerblader. Or perhaps you had an enthusiastic GW student whiz by you on a bike. This fitness craze was contagious, whether it was on bikes, on blades, on foot or in the weight room, GW students were dedicated to getting fit.

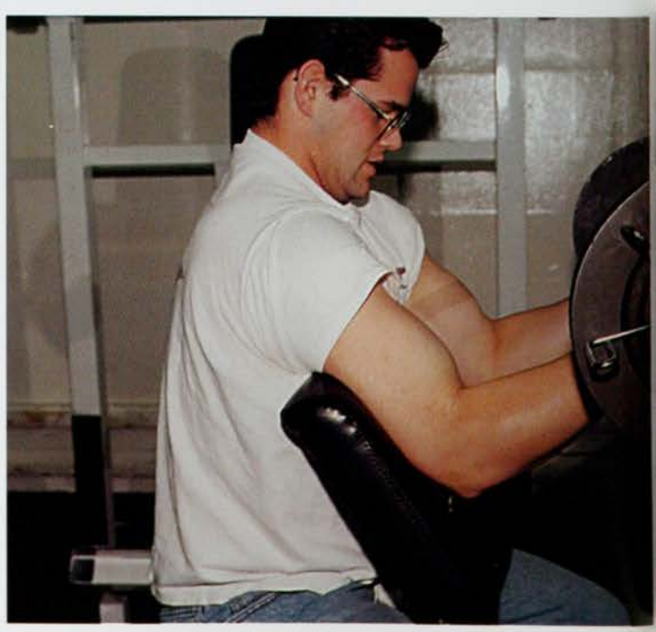


Now the question wasn't whether or not GW was shaping up, we know it was. It's why and how it was doing it. The first place we checked out to find some answers was the Charles E. Smith Center, which just last spring spruced up its facilities by adding an entire new fitness room equipped with the latest exercise machines, ranging from digital stairmasters and bikes to a slew of universal weight machines.

When we entered the exercise room, we found it full of GW women sweating it out on the machines. It must have been an off night because the exercise room usually had more of a co-ed flavor, said Smith Center employee Sarah Mente. Sophomore Jessica Ginsburg, a regular Smith Center junkie gave us the scoop on the GW workout room. She came here about four times a week, biked for forty minutes and then tackled the weights. Jessica also took a workout class twice a week. Why did Jessica work out? "To get stronger," she said. Last spring, when she went home to Palo Alto, CA, she watched the Stanford's women's basketball team strut their stuff. She was struck by how strong the women were, and since then has been working out regularly.

The one common complaint that students had about the new exercise room was that there weren't enough exercise machines. If you ever thought of using the Smith Center fitness room during peak hours, that was between 5 and 9 in the evenings, you probably brought a magazine or lots of homework. The four stairmasters and six bikes were always in high demand. GW junior, Ashley Hanks knew this lesson well. "I wouldn't even think of going there during those hours. It's just a waste of time," she said. Ashley, who began her workout regime either early in the morning or after 10 pm, was a bit of a Smith Center expert. She was there at least 5 days a week, swimming, biking, lifting, you name it she did it. Ashley worked out because "It's a great stress reliever." Her friends revealed that during exams Ashley was always hiding out in the exercise room. When other







students pigged out on junk foods while studying, Ashley worked out.

The Smith Center's free-weight room was another place where GW guys could go to tone up. This testosterone haven rarely solicited a female brave enough to enter. When we go in, we're greeted by grad-student Xavier Szebrat grunting on the chin bar. "It's best to work yourself to your limits," Xavier explained, "I work out to feel my body." We moved on to senior Jason Miller on the bench press. " I work out to pick up chicks," he said with a grin. Enough said, let's move on.

The Smith Center wasn't the only place that fitness-conscience GW students went. Outdoor exercising was a matter of habit for senior Jimmy Marsh. Jimmy killed two birds with one stone. By using his roller blades, he worked out while running errands. Jimmy's favorite places to cruise on his blades were Safeway and Subway. The worker at Subway saw him so often that the one day when he showed up on foot rather than on wheels, she gawked at him and asked, "Jimmy, did you shrink?!" However, Jimmy's exercise rituals didn't stop with the wheels. He was also an avid tennis and racquetball player and weight-lifter all in the hopes of staying in shape "for next year's surfing season, dude when I head home to Californ-I-A!"

And let's not forget the freshmen. Back in the oasis of Thurston Hall, the freshman had their own mini-version of the Smith Center's workout room. Here we found four female freshman determined to fight off the Freshman Fifteen. Carolyn Nelson, the attendant of the exercise room promised us that a few guys did use the room religiously, but of course it was usually female-dominated. Freshman Jeane Barris said she worked out "because it's a great stress-reliever," while her buddy Amber Kaizer plainly stated, "It's a way of life." However, Deanna Helstron best summed up what every girl in the room was thinking, "I work out so I'll look good when I go home." The rest of the girls nodded their heads in agreement, they too feared the deadly Freshman Fifteen.

As great as it was that GW students were becoming so fitness-conscience, this craze did have it's dangers. Junior Dan Perlmutter had a few stories to tell. We found him icing his ankle outside the Smith Center gym. Apparently, the friendly game of basketball that he'd been playing with his buddies had gotten too serious. He twisted his ankle while dribbling the ball. But, Dan said, "I'm still gonna play. I like ball too much to be frightened away by a sprained ankle."

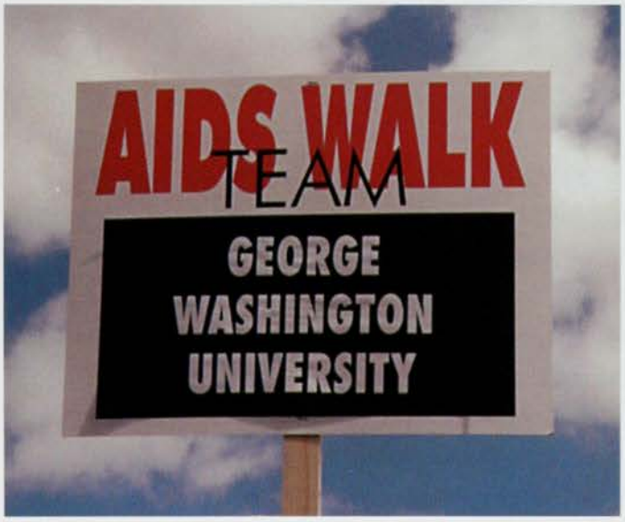
Whether working out was a stress-reliever, a guilt-ridder, an unbreakable habit, or just a feel good activity, GW students were shaping up during the 1996-1997 school year. "It's addicting," they claimed. Smart Foggy Bottom residents watched out because dodging fitness-crazed students was a new exercise that stuck.



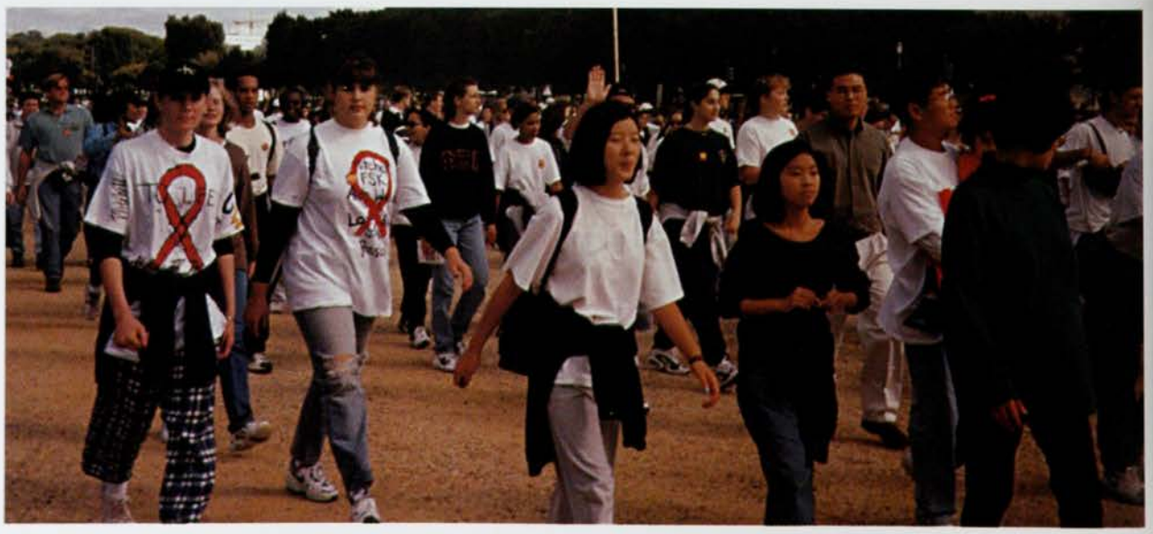


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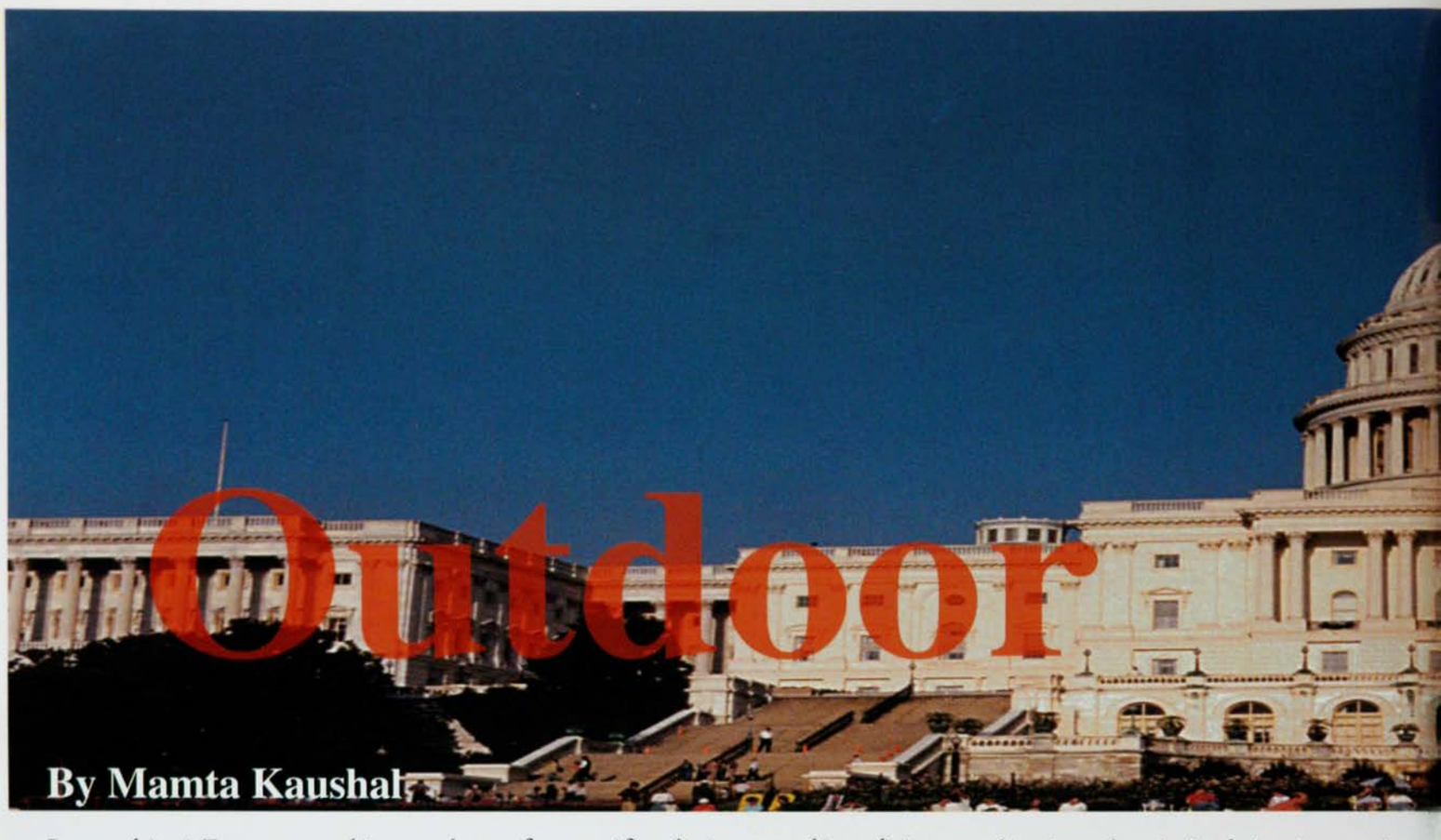


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GW CARES ABOUT AIDS





Outdoor

By Mamta Kaushal

Internships! For many, this word conjured up images of students hidden in back offices, doing the grunt work that the "real" employees are too important to do, all in return for a pat on the back and a few pennies at the end of the day. But as our most industrious students knew, internships opened many doors. Yeah, we got stuck doing the photocopying and the faxing, but it was worth it in the long run. Internships are a glimpse into the real world that we encountered when the four-year ride was over and we ventured beyond the secure walls of the George Washington University. Internships were an opportunity for us to be a part of the hub of the nation's capital. They let us test out fields of potential employment before our futures were set in stone. And perhaps most importantly, internships were a great way to make connections for when we were ready to be one of those "real" employees who doll out their grunt work to interns.

Regardless of your political preference, if you're interested in politics, D.C, has internships of all shapes and sizes. Just ask Brian Donahue and Patrick McManus. Brian, a junior poli-sci major, interned for the Dole-Kemp campaign. Donahue was with Dole-Kemp from the get-go and loved it. "I did a lot of the grunt work of faxing and phone calls," admitted Donahue, "but then there were times when I was trusted and it was such as power trip. Like at the Republican convention this summer, I had to rush on stage to give Jeff Kemp (the son of the Republican VP nominee) some last minute changes for his speech. I would have never been at the Republican National Convention, let alone on stage if it wasn't for my internship. You learn so much more about the real world through internships than you ever could in a classroom."



Photo: Nick Shah

Katie Rickard interns at the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

Patrick McManus, a sophomore poli-sci and criminal justice major, although a member of the other camp, agreed with Donahue that internships were one of the best learning tools offered at GW. "It's an opportunity that someone in the D.C. area has to take advantage of. I couldn't go through four years here without taking that opportunity." Patrick worked for the White House in the Office of Presidential Personnel and said that his internship "is not only a learning experience but an opportunity to network and work with the leaders of America."

The politically ambitious aren't the only ones with internships in the city. Katie Rickard, a junior American Studies/ Pre-Law major, found the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights to be a great place for her to get her foot in the

Classrooms

Many GW students often intern in their Senators and Representatives offices on the hill.

door. Katie got to investigate and evaluate claims for her lawyers but also got stuck inputting information into the database. What has Katie learned from her internship? "That I don't want to do computer work but that I do want to do what these lawyers are doing when I graduate from law school."



Photo: Nick Shah

Jason Reed maintains the internal internet system at the American Advertising Federation.

For those who liked computers, like Information Systems major, junior Jason Reed, internships were also available. Jason was in charge of maintaining the internal Internet systems for the American Advertising Federation, a non-profit lobbying group. Jason's internship was ideal because, "the technology of computers is changing every day, outdating what you're learning in the classroom. Being in the work force for me is the best classroom."

Besides traditional internships where students went to the GW Career Center to pour through books of opportunities, some students got co-ops or field research through the departments of their major. Junior Chris Lobecker and Senior Becca Treat, knew this lesson well.

Chris Lobecker, a financing and computer information systems major, had a co-op with IBM. According to Chris the difference between an internship and a co-op was that a co-op was more structured than an internship. He found out about the opportunity by reading through some of that good-ole G-dub paraphernalia. Chris was in charge of making sure that all of IBM's contracts with the U.S. Postal service are in order. "It's tolerable," Chris said, "I'm doing it for my resume so I can make connections and eventually sit around my own house some day reading the annual reports for my own investment firm."

Senior Becca Treat, a psychology major, used field experience to get hands-on know-how in her area of study. Becca tutored for a program called "Growing Together" which provided basic skills tutoring for underprivileged D.C. students. Becca hoped to make a difference through tutoring, She said it taught her patience and made her realize that she wants to work with adolescents. Her advice? "Internships and field experience are great ways to find something relevant to your interests. And of course, the more experience on your resume, the better."

The bottom line: there was no excuse for GW students not to take advantage of their surroundings. Regardless of what you were interested in, D.C. had an internship waiting for you.

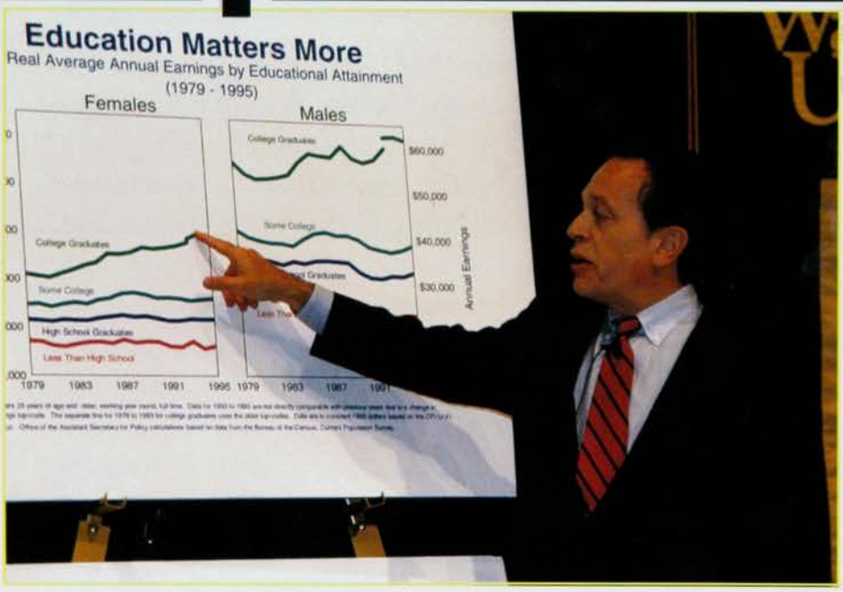
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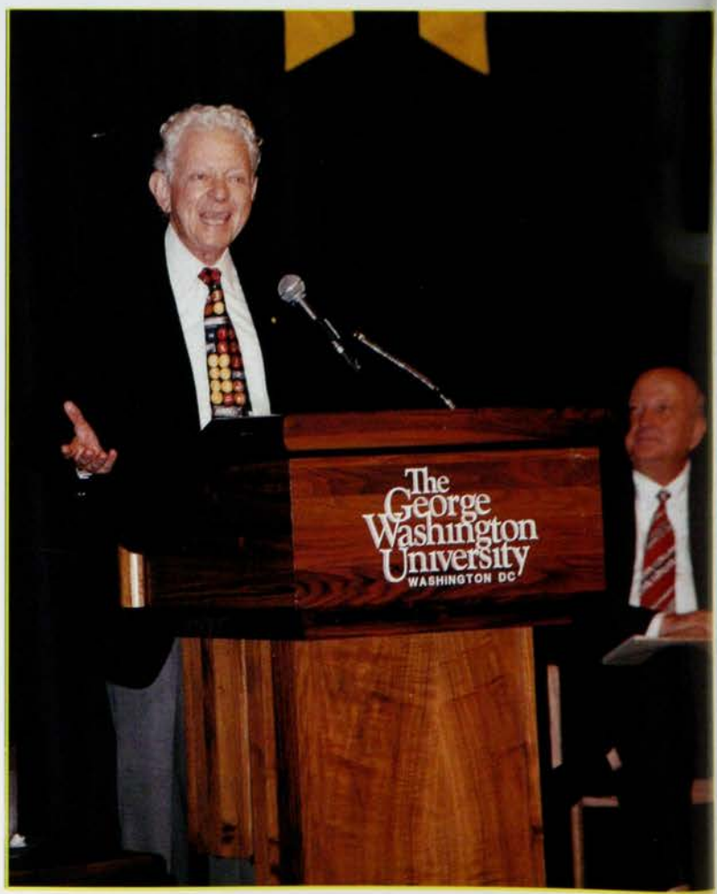




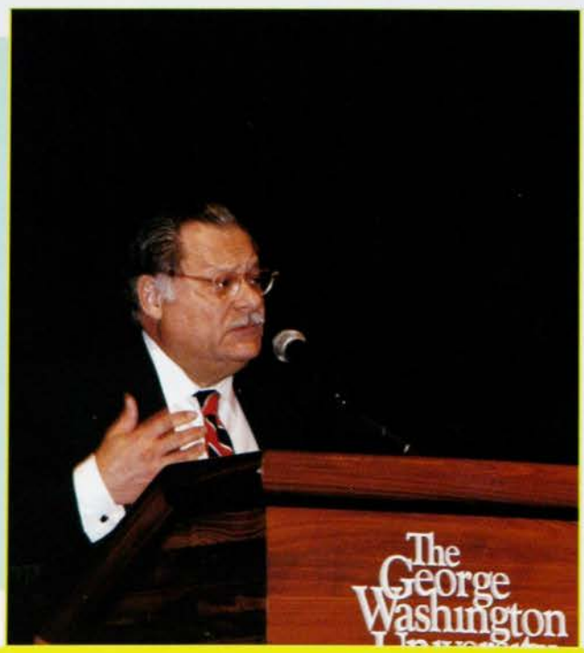
Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor

Guest Speakers

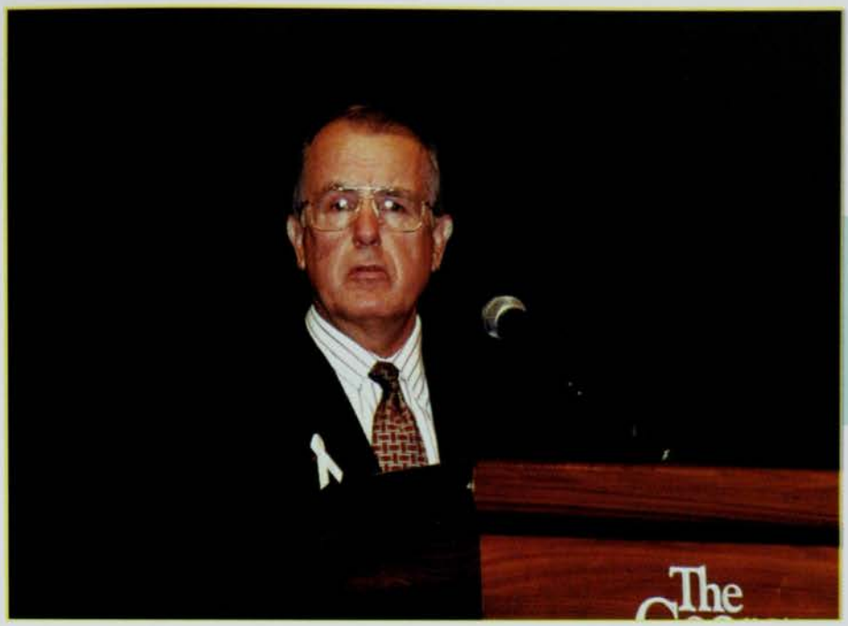




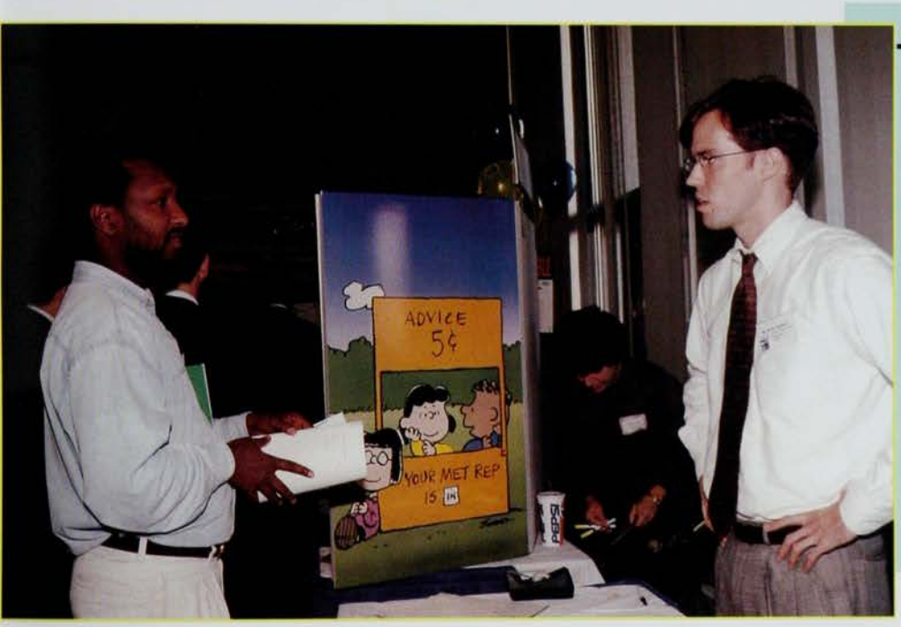
Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President, The George Washington University



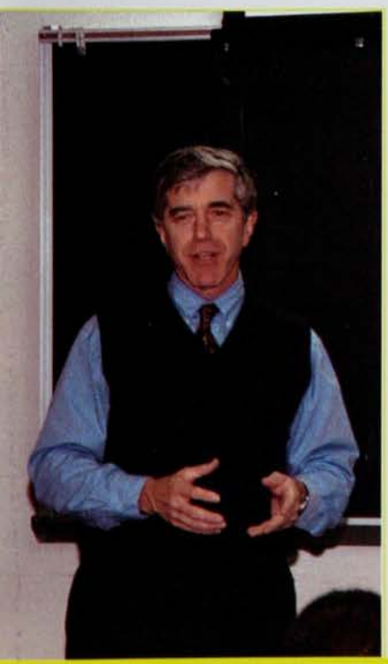


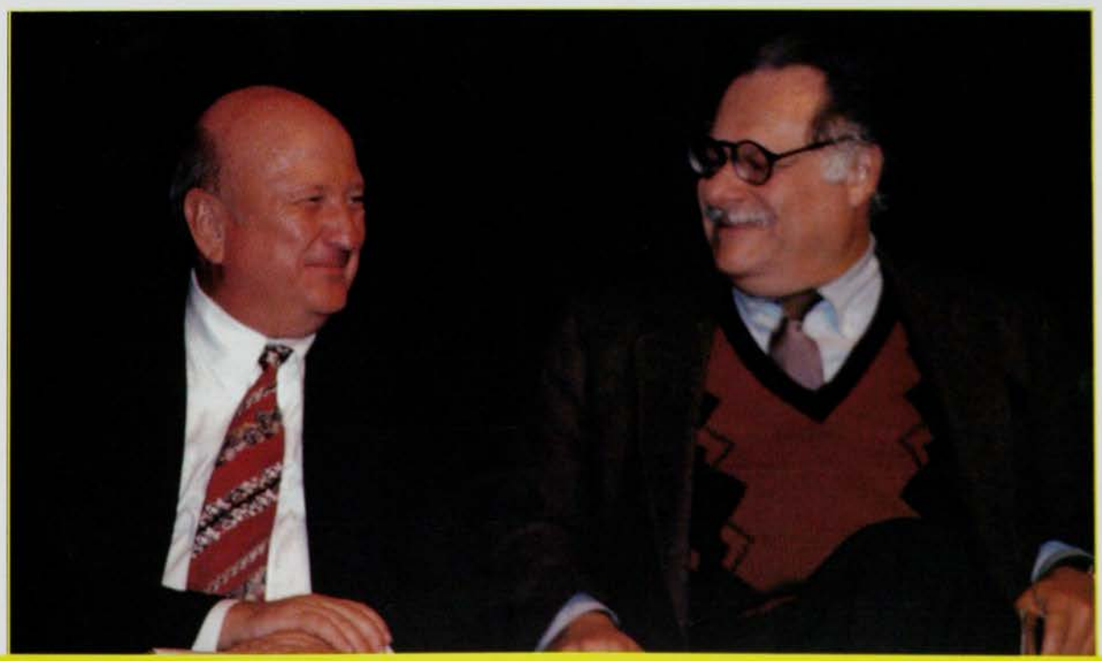


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Guest Speakers





Extending

By Jen Dimario

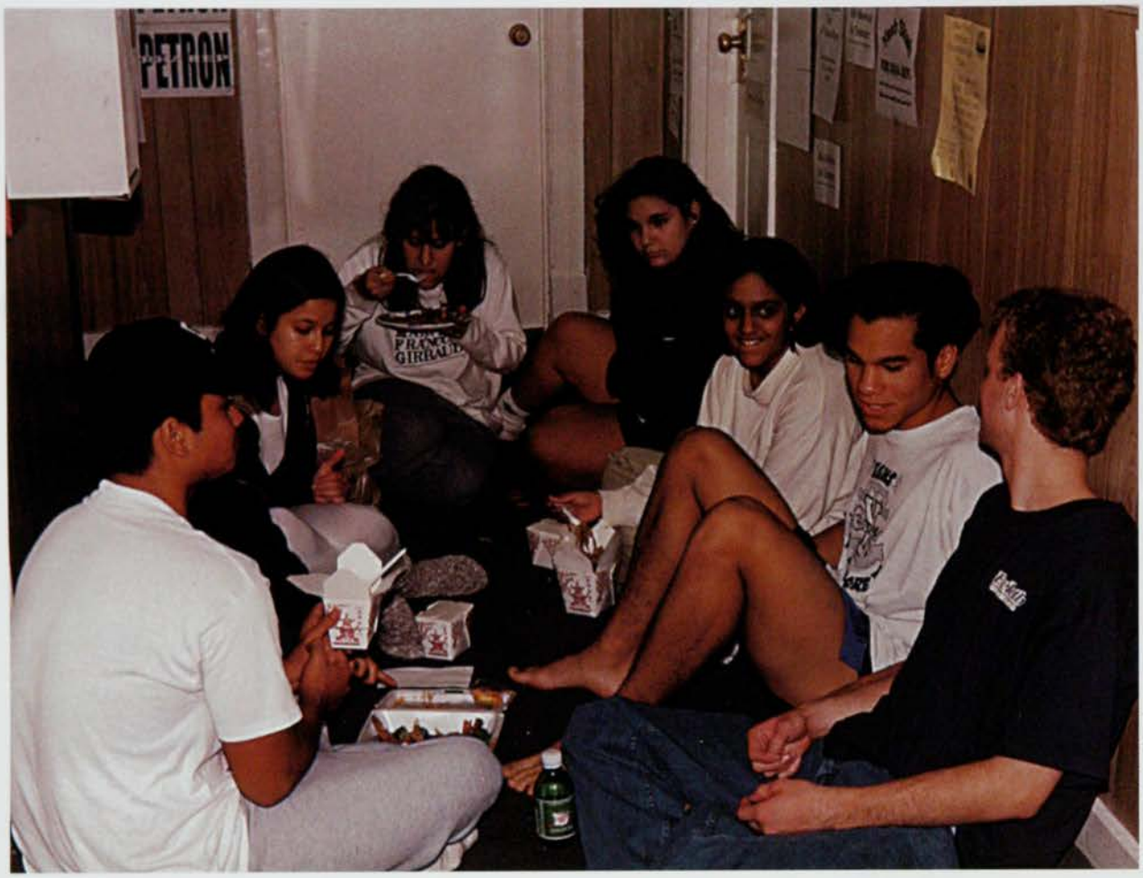


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(Top): Freshmen in Thurston Hall share each other's company and their Chinese food.
(Bottom): Jasmine Puri talks to her mother from her off-campus apartment in the Claridge House.

We all arrived our freshman year not sure what to expect. What will our classes be like? What will our roommates be like? Will we make friends? Expectations sparked questions. But hey, at least we knew where we're gonna live. Most of us were assigned to Thurston Hall: the dorm where no one sleeps, the dorm of the ultimate freshman experience.

Mind you, not all of us were allowed this experience, as we, the remainder, were divided among the other dorms. The athletes are sequestered from the confines of Thurston Hall so that they could find their ultimate performances on the field, the court, the track, the pool or the Potomac— not in the dorm. The remainder of non-athletic students were spread between Mitchell and Adams.

This ultimate experience, answered our unanswered questions. It turned our expectations into experiences. We learned that sometimes learning took place very late at night or very early in the morning, but that it would get done. We learned that even though at over $200 spent per class, we wouldn't make it to every one. We learned that roommates can be your best friends and your worst enemies. We learned how to get along and how to get our way. We learned that we sure did know a lot of faces, and a lot of names, but not nearly as many friends. We learned a lot between the walls of Thurston Hall about college and about living with others.

However, as the year came to an end, many of us decided that one ultimate experience was enough and we opted to move into apartments and houses surrounding the campus. Why did so may of us decide that dorm life was not the life we wanted to lead? Maybe it was because we would save money, or we wanted more space, or a kitchen, or we were tired of late-night partying next door or signing in every single guest with the demanding CSA, and it was entirely possible that we got a horrible lottery number and had no chance of getting anything but a room

CAMPUS Limits

in Mitchell . Or maybe we just wanted the freedom, the responsibility, the adulthood.

Just ask Jamie Harris, a sophomore who lived in the Claridge House. She loved living off campus. "I enjoy my privacy. I like not having to check in or sign in my friends. There are less worries and life is less hectic, in general." Or Jennifer Lemega, a junior who lived in the Schenley Apartments next to Crawford Hall. She moved off campus because she wanted her own place and didn't want to deal with the housing lottery. Jennifer found that off-campus living was less expensive in the long-run because she didn't have a meal plan and could buy just the food she wanted. Decorating was another advantage to the off campus life Jennifer lead. "I liked buying furniture. My apartment looks great."



Mandy Rives and Megan McHugh sit in their Westpark apartment.

Photo: David John Jea

Many of us opted for the off-campus option after our sophomore year like Mandy Rivers, a junior, who lived in Everglades last year and moved off-campus this year. But her decision was not based on the above-said advantages. Mandy moved because she forgot to turn in her deposit to insure her dorm room. But, according to Mandy, the move turned out to be for the best, anyway. "I love having the additional space— a big kitchen to cook in, my own bedroom and bathroom and a balcony (which, by the way, has a great view of Georgetown)." Mandy lived in a reverse "Threes Company" situation: it was her and two guys. Mandy said she was happy living with the boys, but noted some key differences. "There's no one else's closet to rummage through and no one to tell you if you look terrific or horrible." The male vantage point was good in some cases, though. "When I just want to talk, they just listen. They give me their male perspective. I feel like they really listen." Another bonus to the lack of additional female faces around the house was that her roommate, Benny, cooked. "Although he is naive to the fat-frees and the low-cals, Benny cooks some great food. I just can't eat it every day," Mandy smiled. The third roommate, Ted Farrell remarked, "Everything is the same only cleaner."



Photo: David John Jea

And of course we lived just about every where from Alexandria to Bethesda from Georgetown to Dupont Circle to the Statesman and the Savoy. GW students inundated the surrounding area because they just couldn't do dorm life. We lived in rooms of houses, in houses, and in apartments with make-shift walls for privacy.

So whether you decided to see if you could go for two or more ultimate experiences or whether you concluded that the real ultimate experience was in the real world off campus, the life you lead was the life of a college student. You learned that learning still took place very late at night or very early in the morning, even if you didn't do the dorm thing. You learned that you still skipped classes and you still had a love-hate relationship with your roommates. And you learned and you learned until the real world was really real and your diploma was in hand.

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Al Gore

United States Vice President

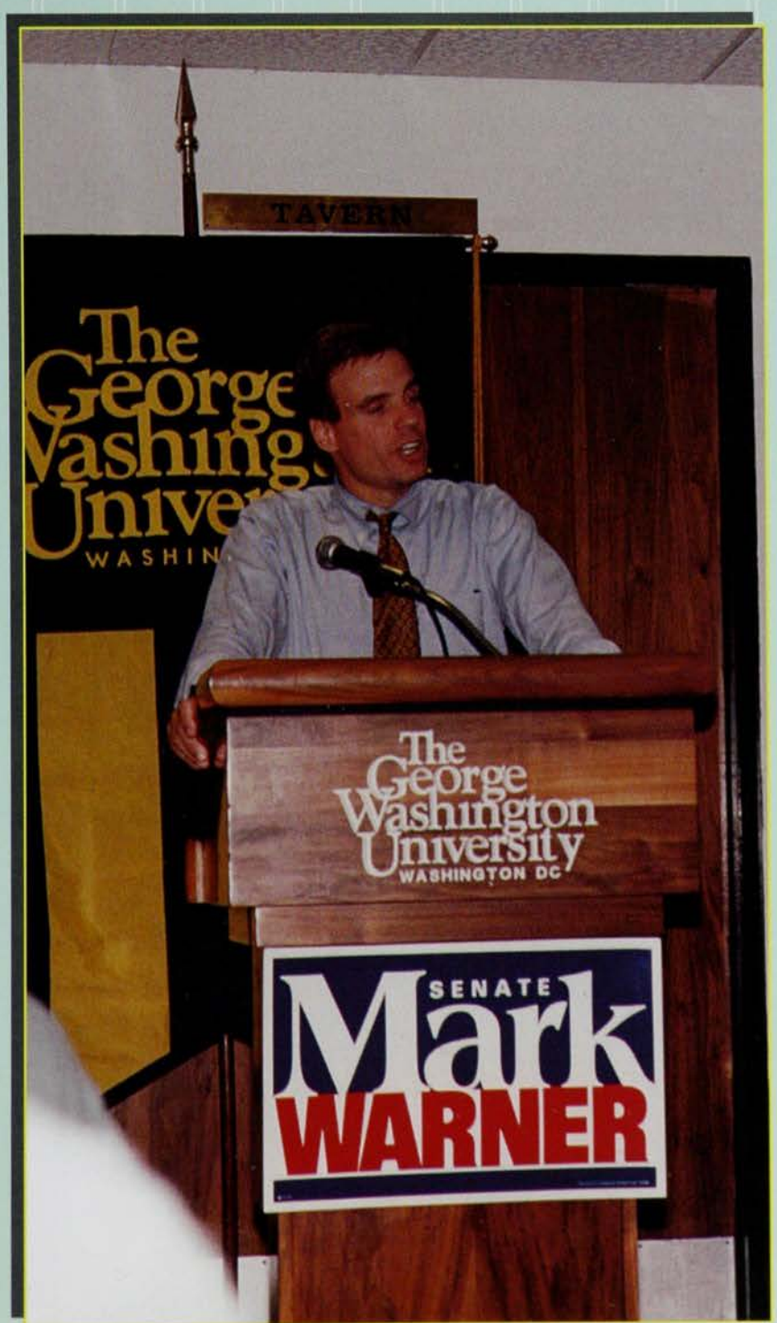






Mark Warner

United States Senate Candidate





MLK Con

Each January, The George Washington University awards Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. medals to individuals who exemplify the human values embodied in Dr. King's work — commitment to multiculturalism, peace, non-violence, personal integrity, community, and ethical or religious reflection. This year, three GW students who made significant contributions to multicultural amity were honored on January 21.

Monique S. Ayotte is a senior sociology major at GW. She has done significant work in the community through the GW Neighbors Project and as a member of AmeriCorps. Her service to the community has included tutoring and mentoring young students in the Washington, D.C. area. For her outstanding work at Garnet-Patterson Middle School, she received special recognition by the D.C. Commission on Community Service for an outstanding volunteer program in a D.C. Public School. GW students know her through her artistic activities as a member of the Urban Art Family and for her undaunted efforts to motivate and train others for community service.

Rusty Morgen Stahl, has worked with almost every major campus organization at GW. He was the founder or co-founder of several campus groups that "help build coalitions and bring caring people together through an inclusive model of communication." These groups include the Student Action Alliance, The Community Circle Service Network, and the DC



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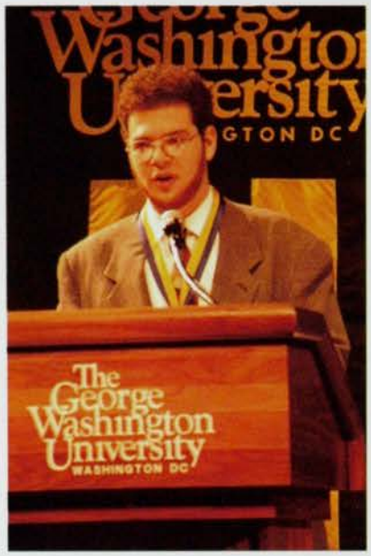


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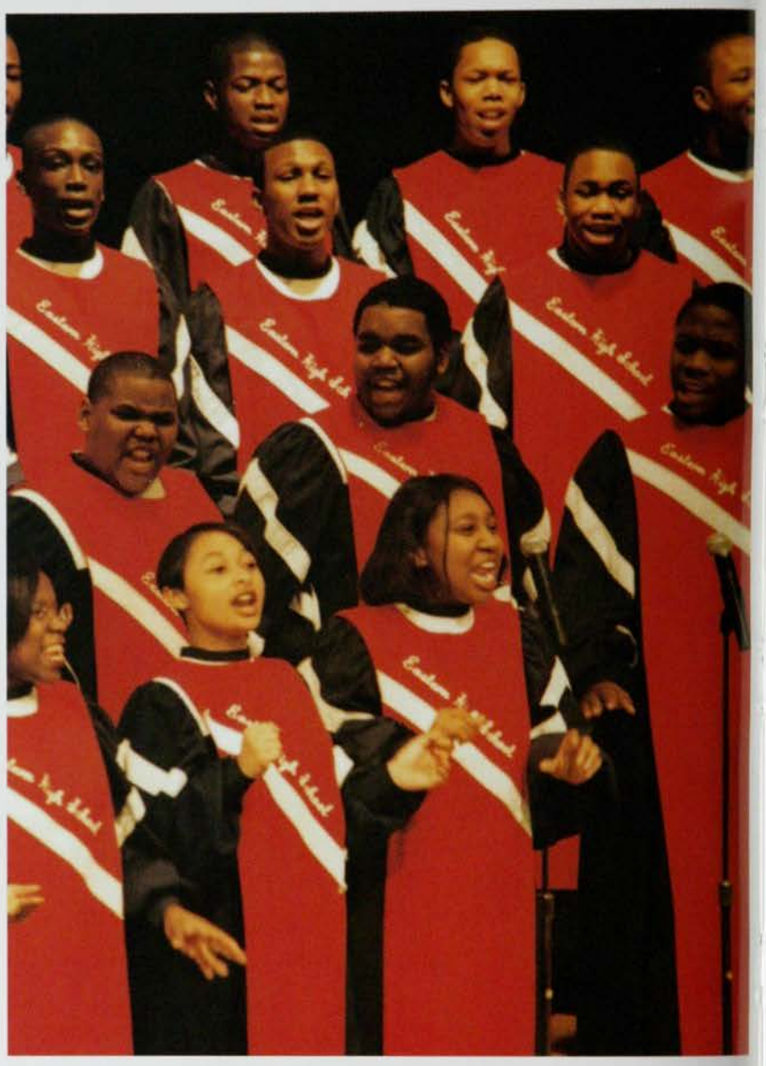
Activist Circle. He has worked with many of the multicultural student groups on campus and is a member of the Black Peoples' Union. As a member of the GW Neighbors Project and AmeriCorps, he co-coordinated Project Care which mobilized students local senior citizens. He served as Vice Chair of the National Youth for Democratic Action group and dedicates himself to community service opportunities through self-initiated volunteer activities.

Akosua Walker is a senior finance major at GW and has served as the President of the Black Peoples' Union for the past two years. She was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. As a member of the GW Dance Company, she was a founding dancer in the production of "In the Company of Sister." She participated in a seminar and study tour for African-American and Jewish student leaders who visited Israel and South Africa. Ms. Walker served on the GW Faculty and Student Joint Committee, Student Leadership Conference Committee, and the Student Action Alliance. Ms. Walker was a committed volunteer tutor in many of the Metropolitan area schools, as well.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



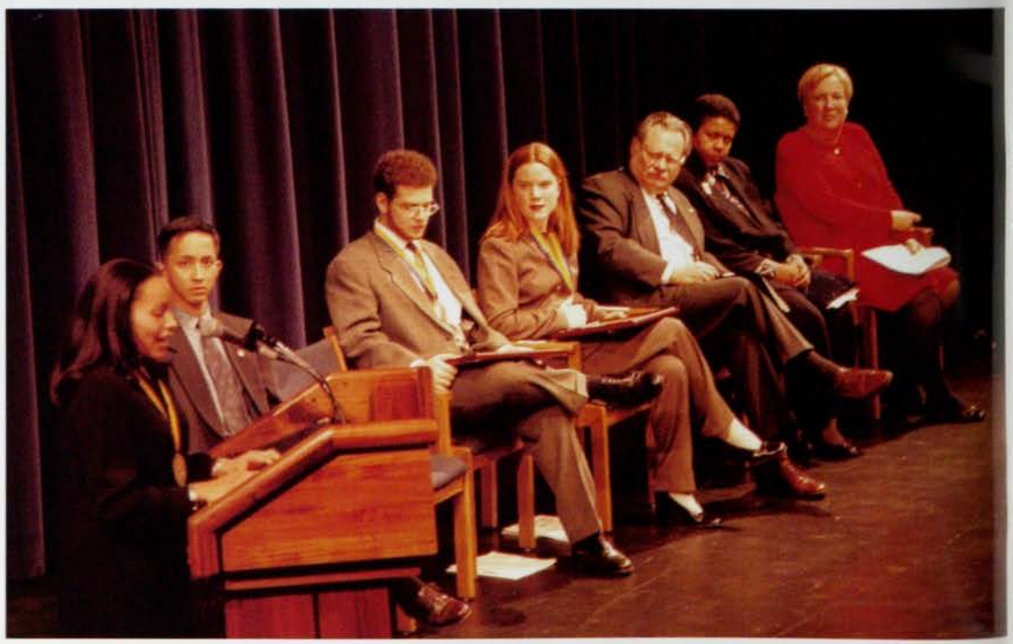
Rusty Stahl is presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.





above: President Trachtenberg and Monique Ayotte at the MLK Convocation.

right: Akosua Walker, Rodney Salinas, Rusty Stahl, and Monique Ayotte at the MLK Convocation. All have won the MLK Award.

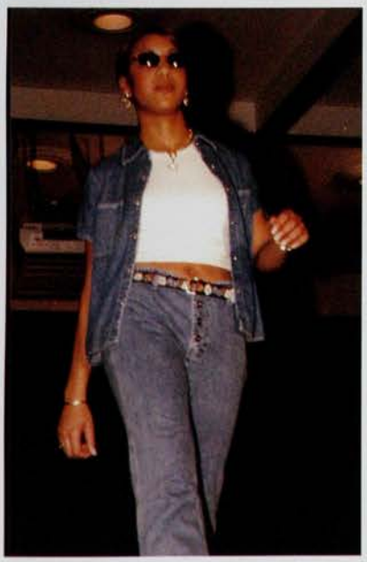














Black History Month Events

January 14 - March 1

Art Exhibit:
The Creative Hand

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration

"Our Young Men Are
Dying and Nobody
Seems to Care"

Discussion: Black
Beauty

Diversity In the
Workplace

Black Images in the
Media

The Contemporary
Music of Our People

Third Annual Talent
Exhibition

Children's Day

Africans In the
Diaspora

Jackie Robinson:
Human Rights
Crusader

Fires In the Mirror

Third Annual Border
Babies Fashion Show
and Reception

Where Do We Go Next?

By Angelena Abate



Now that you cannot claim that the dog ate your homework anymore, what do you do? You've reached maturity, adulthood, dare I say, and you can't quite remember how you got here. How did college happen? Were you really here four years? What are you supposed to do now?

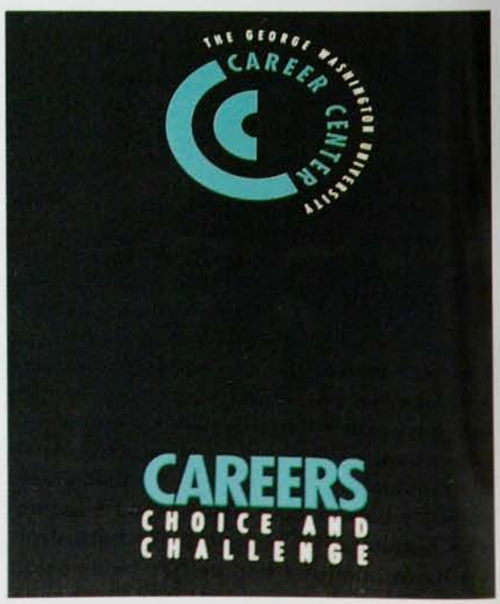
Now that you are an adult, diploma in hand, you can no longer frequent underage bars and clubs. You can't eat at J Street. You canot get into basketball games for free. And, you cannot do all that stuff that made college the best four years of your life. Sure, you can keep your friends, and, of course, your memories. But what are you going to fill your time with now that pulling all-nighters, cramming for a test, and rush-writing a paper are no longer options?

Well, it looks like you are going to have to plunge into the real world and, yes, get a job. How are you going to do it? Where do you look and what do you look for? Your parents are nagging you to find your future path, and you do not know where to turn.

Senior Brad Beecher had a job before he even got his diploma. As a finance major, he will be working at Anderson Consulting, a multinational consulting firm, with offices located in D.C. Brad will take a job in the D.C. office, but has the option to transfer to other affiliates as time passes. He got his job through the Career Center. With a strong data base and many connections to local, national, and international firms, the Career Center assists students in sending resumes, setting up interviews, and accepting job offers. What does Brad think of his future job? "As a finance major, this is what I wanted to do with my life. I still can't believe that my life is actually starting before I even leave GW."

Another aggressive job chaser, Ryan Taylor wants to be in the ER a year from now. His current job goal is to be a trauma technician at Tacoma Park's hospital. What's his angle? Well, Mr. Taylor has a friend who already works there and hopes he will get him an in. However, as a biology major, Ryan will head to medical school in the next few years. "I've got my whole life ahead of me. I don't want to rush back to school right after I get my diploma." So Ryan leaped into the shallow end, rather than the deep end, for now. Nonetheless, it should be thrilling enough for now, says Ryan.

I could tell you about what everyone wants do next year, but, that might bore you just a little bit. It does not matter if you chased after your future career vision with a vengeance or if you decided to stay in school for a few more years before making career plans. Regardless, you will see lots of changes next year. Have fun with them all.

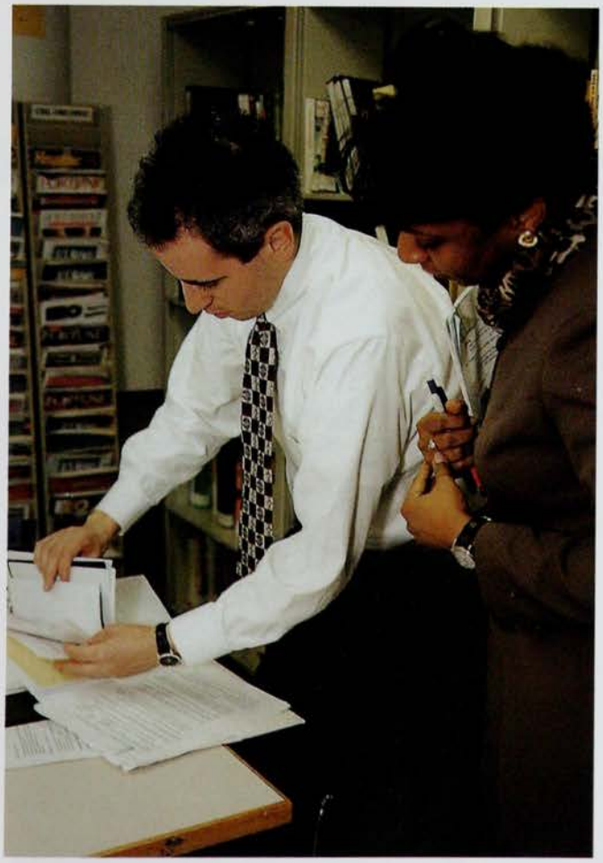


Career Week '97

The Career Center's annual Career Week began February 3rd and continued through the 7th. Posters adorned with this year's "Makes Waves" theme informed students of the many programs including finding the jobs via the internet, resumania, and the career exploration fair which, in total, drew 1,550 students, according to the Career Center.



This year's events were huge successes. With the premise that it is better to take an active role in pursuing your career goals, the Career Center's programs focused on informing students that they could take simple steps to improving their career options, like networking and follow-up phone calls.



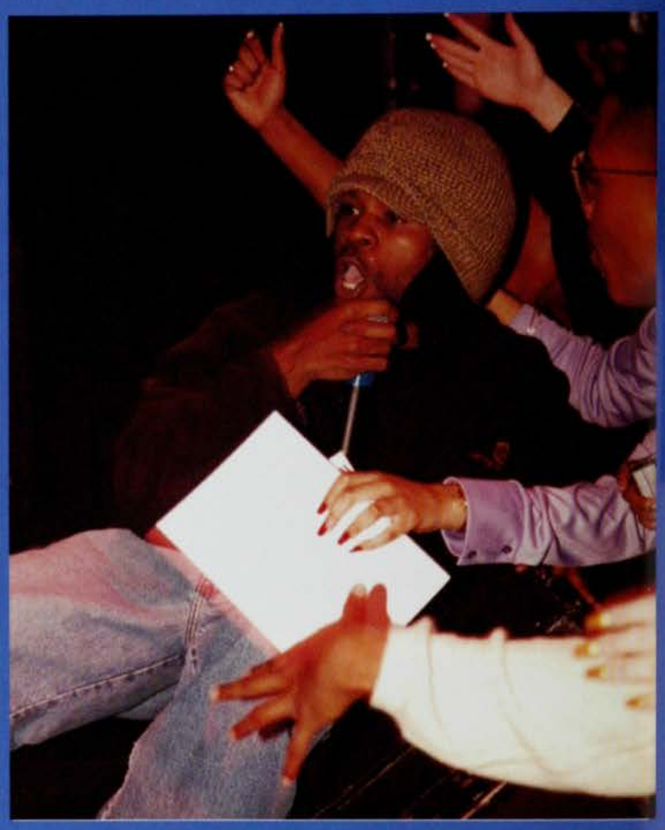
Included in the 29 events were many seminars and information sessions on finding jobs in particular fields. Area professionals discussed what works for job seekers and what doesn't during "Who Gets Hired and Why: Interviewing From the Employer's Perspective" and "Resumania." One of the Center's new programs on the agenda was "Jobs Via the Internet," which taught students how to access opportunities and career information using the Internet, both nationally and internationally. The week culminated with "Cookies and Consulting and Resumix" on Friday where students dropped in to discuss career options with career consultants and to have their resumes critiqued— all to the tune of free cookies galore. Gotta love those GW "free-food-included" events!



Performers



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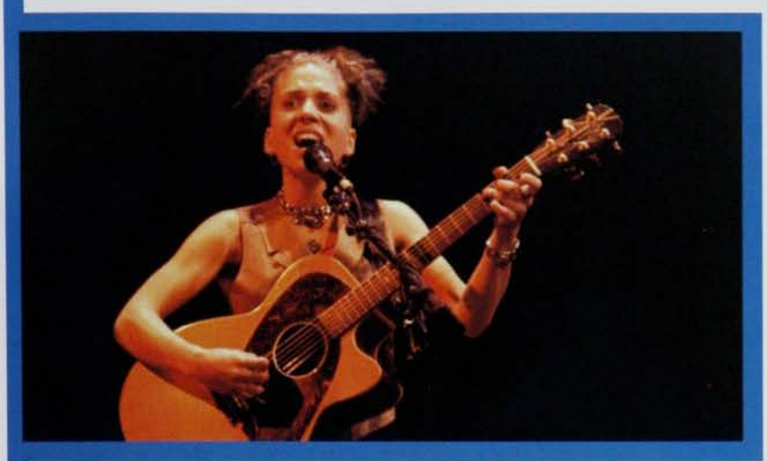
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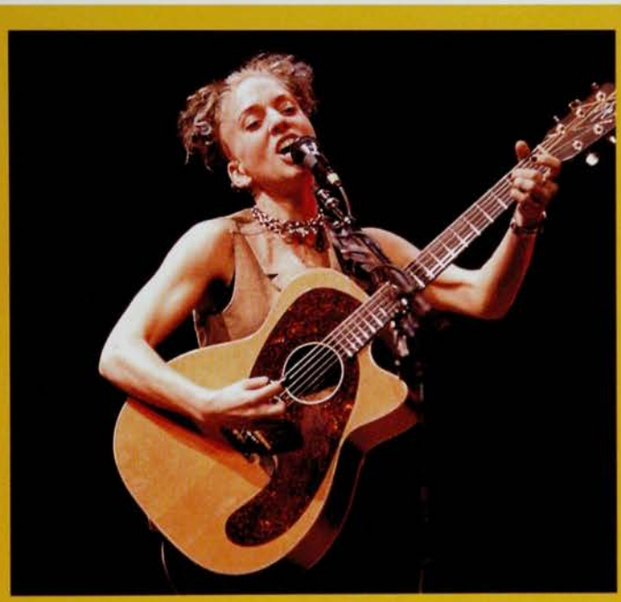


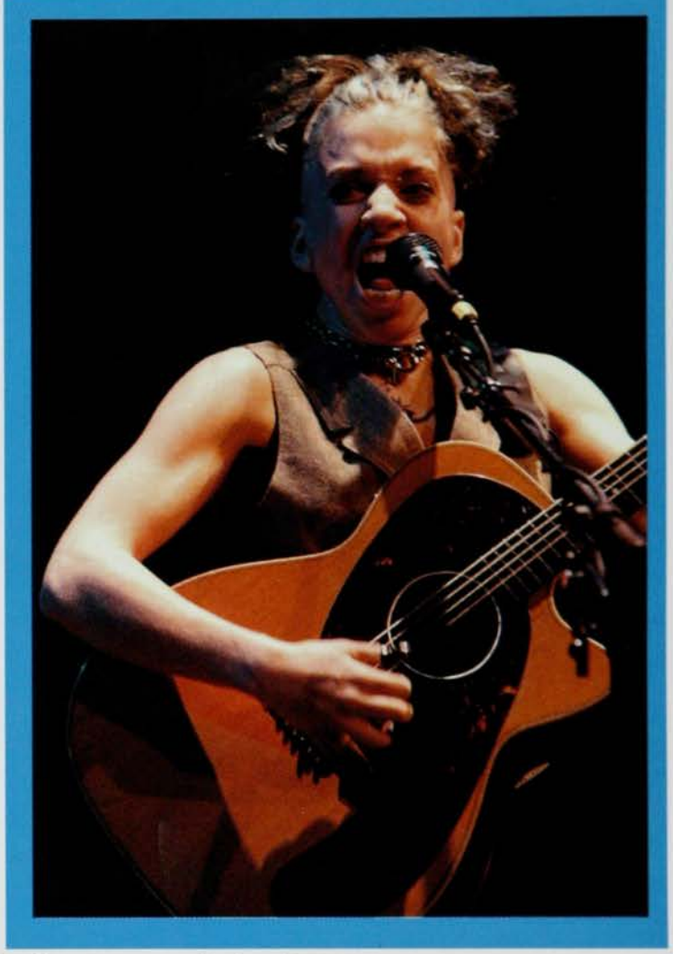


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STUDENT

On February 18th and 19th, 1997, GW elected Kuyomars Golparvar as President of the Student Association over four other candidates. Golparvar, an Iranian having lived most his life in Hauppaug, New York, got into the election, because, "I want to help." Golparvar, known by most of the student body as "Q," felt that in his three years at GW as the Director of Communication, the Director of Community Relations, and finally the Vice-President of Community Relations, he saw some great projects: The Book Exchange, Academic Advising, and Clean-Up Foggy Bottom. But, he felt that the Student Association needed to work harder to reach out to the students and fight more to protect their rights. In his year as President, he wants to expand the Book Exchange, improve the effectiveness of the Financial Aid department, and see to it that everyone on campus can answer the question, "What does the Student Association do for me?"





Student Election Results

with 2,801 students voting

Student Association President	
Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar	46.9%
Andrew Lewis	25.2%
Terry Miller, Jr.	14.1%
Adam Siple	10.4%
Jeff Butler	2.8%
Student Association Vice President	
Tony Sayegh	42.1%
Kirti Patel	34.2%
Jahna Hartwig	22.3%
Program Board Executive Chair	
Soraya Tabibi	52.2%
Thanh Nguyen	47.6%
Program Board Vice Chair	
Heather Matthews	99.6%



Meet Mr. Sayegh







On February 20, 1997, Tony Sayegh was hoisted to second in the Student Association's chain of command. He took 42.1 percent of the student vote riding on what he called "a platform of action."

Tony, a native New Yorker, lived in the Bayridge section of Brooklyn until he was nine, when he moved with his parents to Bronxville. He came to GW with political aspirations, right away assuming the position of chairman of the College Republicans. He was active in student life as a presenter at the student leadership conference last fall, and as a facilitator of the book exchange in January. He had also been very active in the Newman Center. Tony is a political science major and is double minoring in communications and history. He has double minor because he brought 12 credits with him so he got to skip a lot of the required introduction courses— lucky guy.

So, how did the partisan leader transcend traditional party lines to win the rat race? "In university politics, it's not about Republican or Democratic. As an officer in student government, one needs to address the same issues— a major one being political apathy. The SA needs to be more than a rubber stamp. I think that I communicated my vision of good leadership to everyone." He must have done something right, because early in his campaign he was endorsed by the College Democrats. Tony also received the second highest vote among law students— that's pretty good considering one of his opponents was a law student. Tony said he did not know how many hours he spent on his campain since he decided to run for EVP in late December, but he said, "My schedule was packed every day." Thanks in part to Tony's campaign manager, Brian Donoghue, whom Tony worked with in Jack Kemp's office last fall, Tony said, "I spoke to everyone." Brian helped to facilitate meetings with various student groups where Tony said he spoke with zest of action and leadership. "I enjoyed talking to people." But, Tony contended, "I am not a politician. I am a public servant."

By Angelena Abate

Student Elections

THE THRILL

An unbelievable aura of school spirit filled J Street minutes before the Joint Elections Committee (JEC) announced the Student Association and Program Board election results. The Marvin Center bustled with candidates, campaign managers, current officers of the Student Association, and ballot counters. To break the tension and pass the time, there was pie slinging, musical entertainment by Sputnik Fly and the GW Troubadours, and of course free pizza!

It was evident for most of the night that a run-off election would be necessary for the offices of Student Association President and Vice-President. As the results came in, Q's supporters hoisted him up onto a chair and carried him around the dining area. Despite an enormous effort by all the candidates, less than one-quarter of the student body participated in the process.

Next year's Program Board Chair was the final position to be announced. Soraya Tabibi won by a margin of 52 to 47 percent against the current Program Board Executive Vice Chair, Thanh Tan Yves Nguyen.

With the elections over, "Q!" "Q!" "Q!" "Q!" "Q!" J Street echoed with cheers into the morning hours.

By Blythe Dim



AND THE AGONY



Outgoing SA President Damien McKenna rewards Jared Sher with a pie in the face.



OF VICTORY





Other Election Results

MCGB At-Large Representatives
- Patrick Lincoln
- Jonathan Pompan
- Jeff Baxter
- Michael Petron

At-Large Undergraduate Senators
- Carrie Potter
- Patrick Macmanus

CSAS Undergraduate Senators
- Jesse Strauss
- Jason Haber
- Derek Pillie
- Cat Sadler

SBPM Undergraduate Senator
- James Manfredi

ESIA Undergraduate Senators
- Robert Siegel
- Mark Levin

SEAS Undergraduate Senator
- Sergio Yanes

OF DEFEAT





Thanh Nguyen is interviewed on election night.

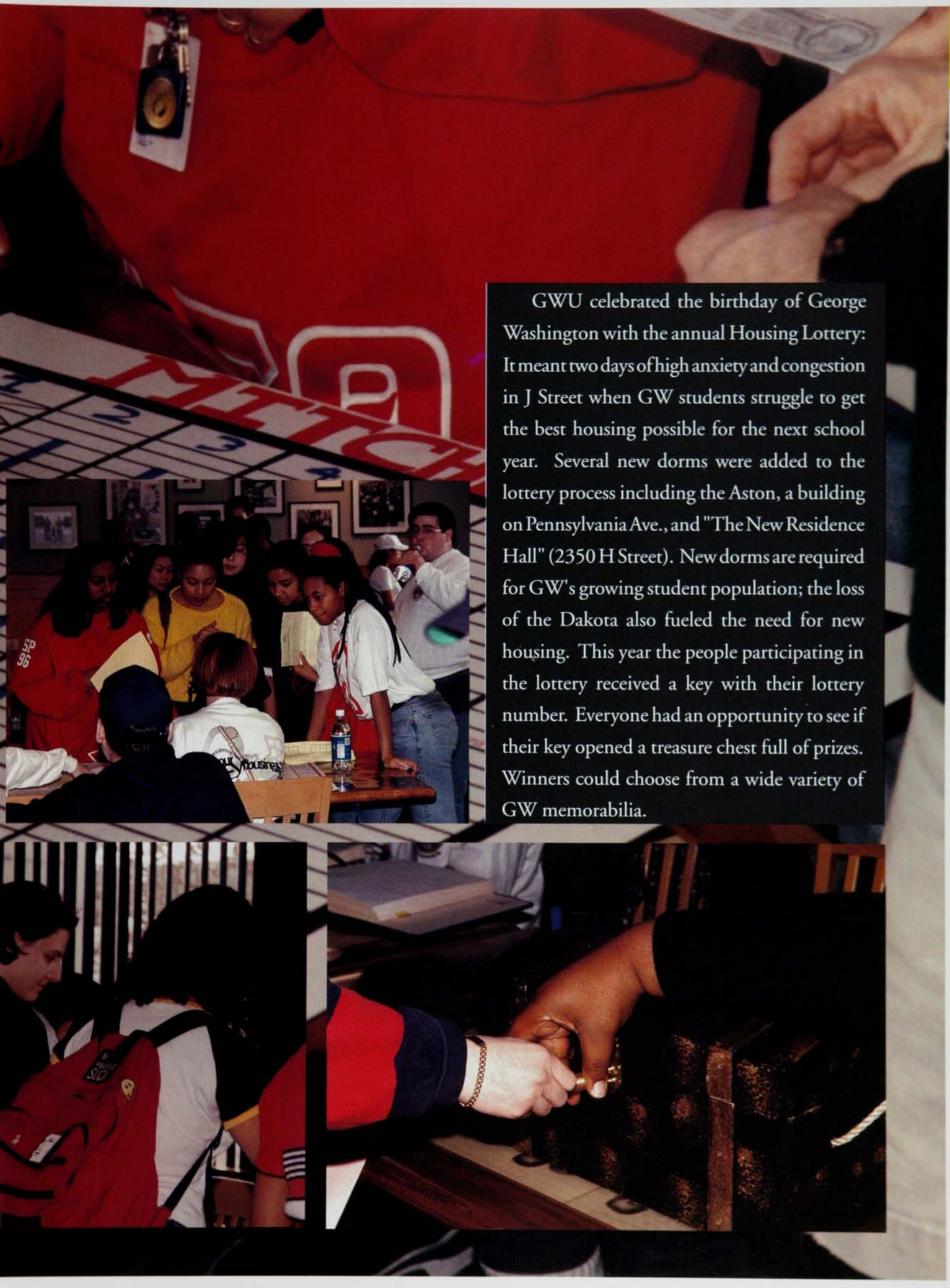
Student Elections

High Anxiety: The Housing Lottery





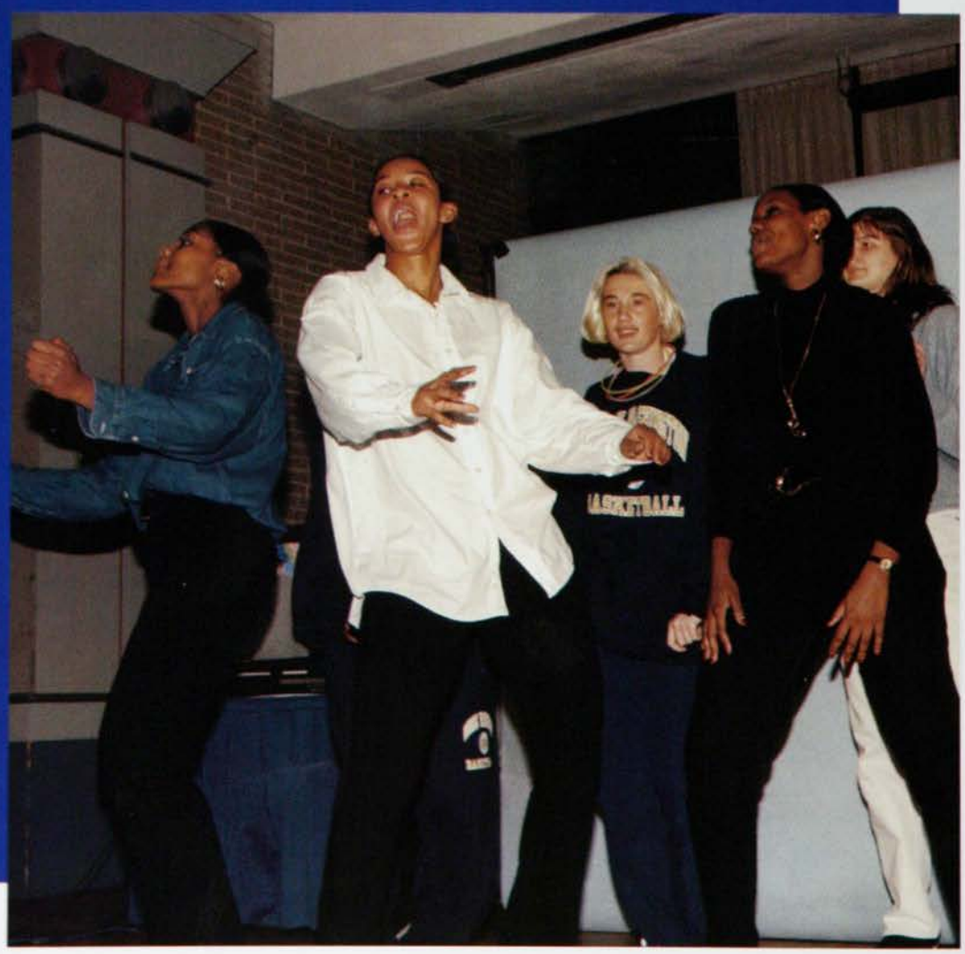




GWU celebrated the birthday of George Washington with the annual Housing Lottery: It meant two days of high anxiety and congestion in J Street when GW students struggle to get the best housing possible for the next school year. Several new dorms were added to the lottery process including the Aston, a building on Pennsylvania Ave., and "The New Residence Hall" (2350 H Street). New dorms are required for GW's growing student population; the loss of the Dakota also fueled the need for new housing. This year the people participating in the lottery received a key with their lottery number. Everyone had an opportunity to see if their key opened a treasure chest full of prizes. Winners could choose from a wide variety of GW memorabilia.

Imagine . . . HOMECOMING





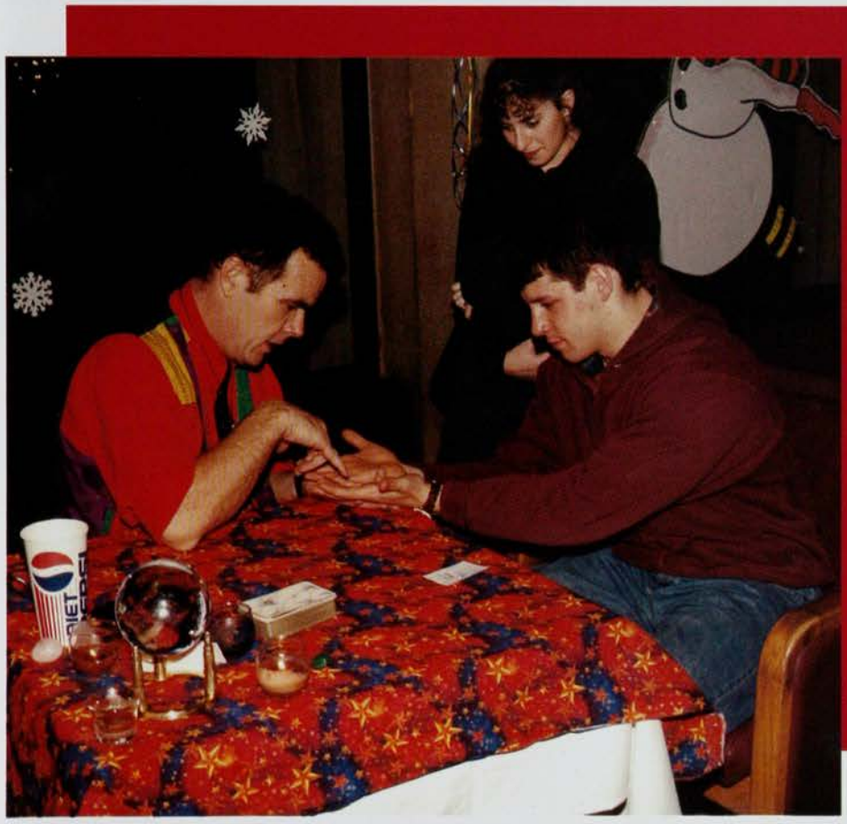
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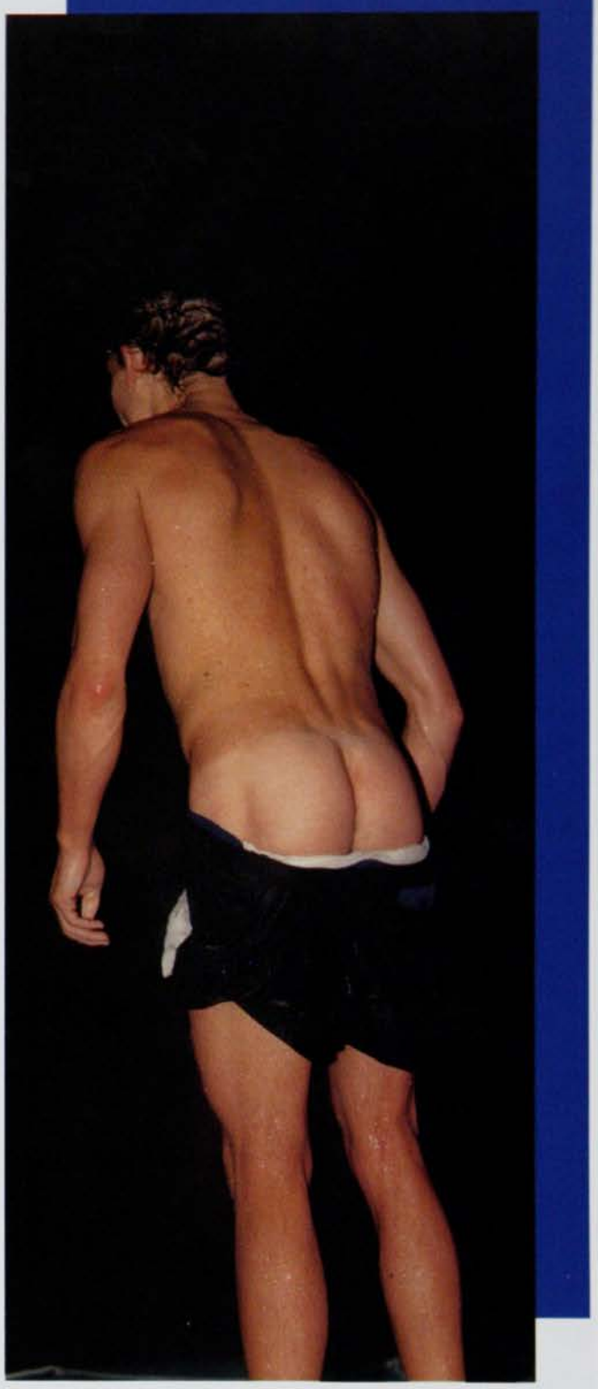
Homecoming was a time for GW students to show their school spirit, as well as to show their support for our men's and women's basketball teams. It was organized by the Program Board and co-sponsored by the Student Association, the Smith Center, and various other student groups. This year it ran from January 20-30.

Homecoming kicked off with the Inaugural Ball that was held this year at the Marvin Center. With all of the festivities that had been going on during the inauguration weekend, and that day, for the Presidential Inauguration, GW students were hyped up for the ball that evening. As freshman, Alexis Rice, said, "It was a great event that GW put on! It was one of the first events in which the GW community came together as a whole for a great political event." However, there were some people who thought otherwise of the ball. One sophomore commented that, "For the amount of money that it cost, it was a big disappointment with long lines for coat check and way too many people."

The Homecoming comedy act, Brian Regan (a.k.a. the next Jim Carey), had 600 GW students hysterically laughing at his psychopathic behavior and expressions. Obviously he was known to most of the audience, as there were requests for him to perform









One student takes *The Cherry Tree* theme a bit too seriously.

routines that he had done in previous shows. Sophomore, Sandi Rudenstein's only comment on Mr. Regan was, "He was a riot!"

Colonial fans rallied for the men's and women's teams at the doubleheader games against LaSalle's teams on the 25th of January. Before the games began, the Program Board provided food and drinks for over 500 GW and LaSalle fans, with a barbeque in the parking lot next to the Smith Center beginning at noon. The post-game party that night the hip-hop group Das-EFX perform (*"They Want Efx"*). The party opened with DJ JaseJase and Blind Mice playing for most of the evening. The ballroom packed 500 rowdy Das-EFX fans who waited until past midnight to see only an half-hour performance by the group. A fan commented, "They were good, but I came to see them—not to hear DJ music."



Another barbeque was held at the Pre-game Tailgate Party on the Quad the day of the infamous UMass game. There was plenty of food, as well as face painting for those who wished to express their spirit in a more obvious manner. With over 1,500 loud and boisterous fans at the Colonial Jam in the Smith Center, GW more than proved that they still believed in the men's team despite all of the difficulties they had gone through during the season.

Despite the disappointment GW students felt over the loss to UMass, it did not inhibit their jubilant behavior during the Night in the Marvin Center. Students took advantage of the casino on the third floor, free food and ice cream, the old-fashioned photos, free bowling, a pool for the entire evening, and free psychic readings with their usual enthusiasm. Entertainment was also provided with music by DJ Babyface in J Street for those who











enjoyed house, dance, and hip-hop music. For those hot-blooded Latino lovers, Latin music was played in the Colonial Commons, with a decidedly carnival flavor. People walked around the Marvin Center sporting hand-made masks, with materials provided by Latinos for Progress and the Caribbean Student Associations, adding to the festive air.

To top the evening and homecoming off, two large, steamy hot tubs were provided for the pleasure of those stressed-out students outside on the third floor terrace. In the words of senior Tom Fitzgerald, "Ahhhh...it just made me tingle and feel good all over." Now that just about sums up everything, doesn't it?

Graduation Celebration



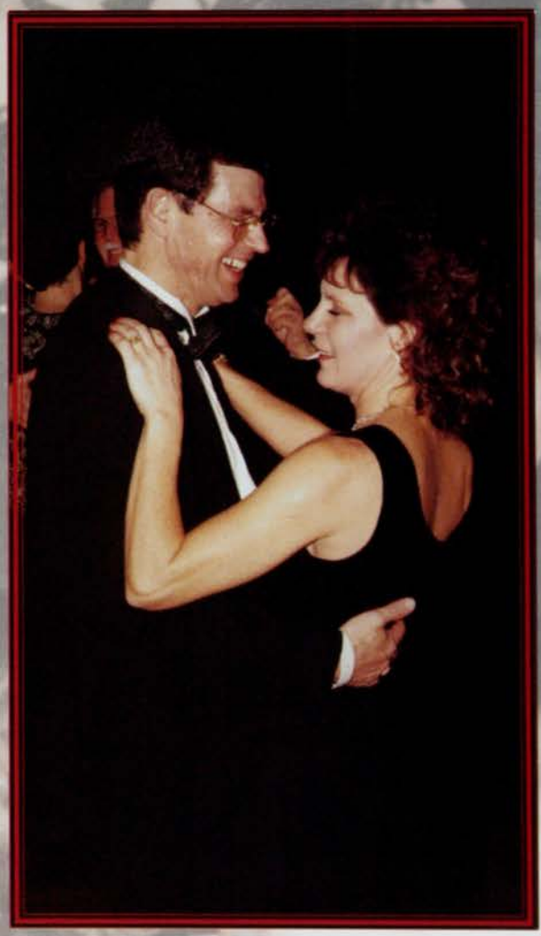












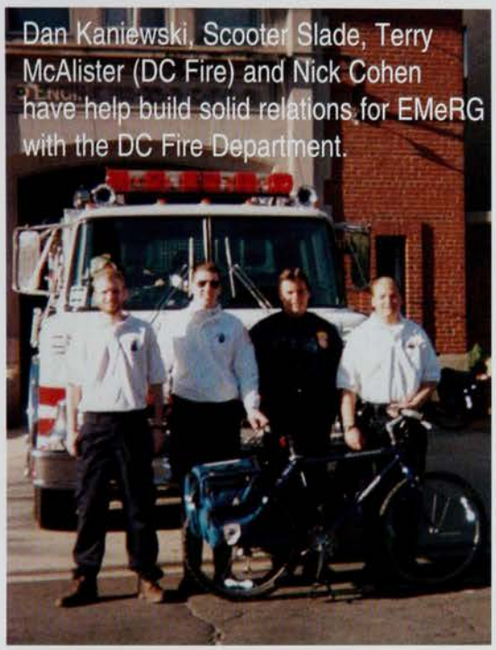


Dan Kaniewski and Shawn Glinter assist Jonathan Sandberg with an unknown medical illness.



Terri Jadwin, UPD Officer Grove, and Dan Kaniewski assist a patient who was hit by a motor vehicle.

Making A Difference



Dan Kaniewski, Scooter Slade, Terry McAlister (DC Fire) and Nick Cohen have help build solid relations for EMeRG with the DC Fire Department.

The Emergency Medical Response Group, EMeRG, is a recognized Basic Life Support, first response agency within the District of Columbia. Jointly sponsored by the Department of Emergency Medicine and the University Police Department, EMeRG's certified personnel are members of the GW community who provide quality Emergency Medical Services in a variety of settings, including campus coverage and special events. All of this is provided at no cost to the patients. Crew members are volunteers who are certified Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics. EMeRG personnel are automatically dispatched with UPD officers in response to emergency situations. Rapid response times, in combination with high clinical standards, enable personnel to arrive on scene and immediately begin treatment to stabilize the patient.

EMeRG receives direct supervision from Dr. Ray Lucas, Department of Emergency Medicine, and Ms. Dolores Stafford, Director UPD. Both of these individuals oversee all aspects of the operation including medical oversight, training , QA/QI, fund-raising, etc..

The 44 EMT's and Paramedics are able to perform a variety of medical procedures, and are trained to recognize and stabilize life threatening or debilitating illness and injury. Specific skills which EMT's possess include patient assessment, airway management, oxygen therapy, CPR, splinting, bandaging, treatment of medical, psychological and environmental emergencies, communications, patient packaging and triage. With these skills, the EMeRG members assist in the helping to maintain a safe GW Community.



UPD Officer Carpenter and Shawn Glinter work together to help provide a safer GW community.

By: Geoffrey L. Shapiro

SOLD....

One framed GW banner, one unframed GW banner **$25**

$50 gify certificate to the Cheesecake Factory **$50**

#10 pick overall in Room Selection **$1,700**

One Month Free Parking $150

Pie in the face at the last SA meeting of the year for Dianne Gayoski **$30**

GW Women's Basketball Team-one practice jersey and sweatshirt **$45**

Congressman Richard H. Baker's cufflinks **$45**

Tea for Three With Dean Harding at the Park Hyatt **$35**

Lunch for two in Senator Daniel K. Akaka's Dining Room **$60**

Brunch at Cosmos with President Trachtenberg **$120**

#7 pick overall in Room Selection **$900**

Dean of Students for a day **$35**

Weekend for two at The George Washington University Inn **$120**

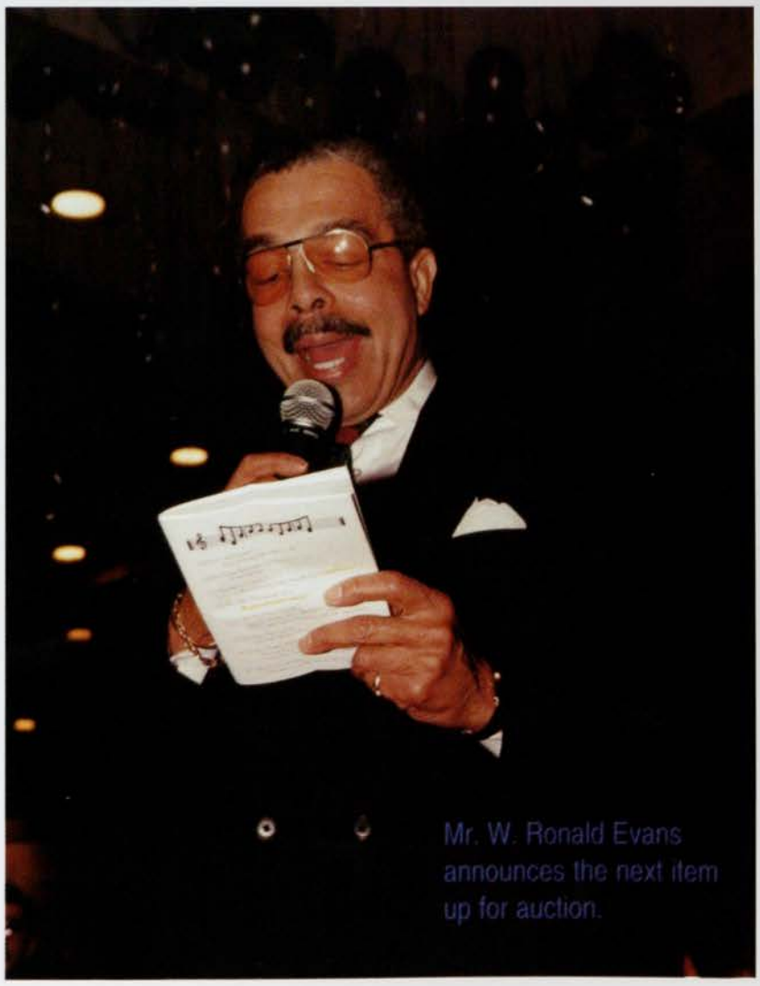
Official American League baseball signed by Mike Mussina **$45**

#4 pick overall in Room Selection **$1,150**

Double Decker Bus Tour **$50**

Design: Amy Lastrilon





Mr. W. Ronald Evans announces the next item up for auction.



Martha's Marathon of Be-Bop & Blues



Darrell Villaruz and Mary Ann McYat wait anxiously to bid on lunch for two with Senator Daniel K. Akaka.

David Eldred and Kate Arnold enjoy the auction.







As Mr. W. Ronald Evans announces the next item to be auctioned, Mattew Zerler and Becky Sloviter present the item.



Janet raises her number to bid for the 10th pick overall in Room Selection.

Photos: Carl Shenkler

International Week

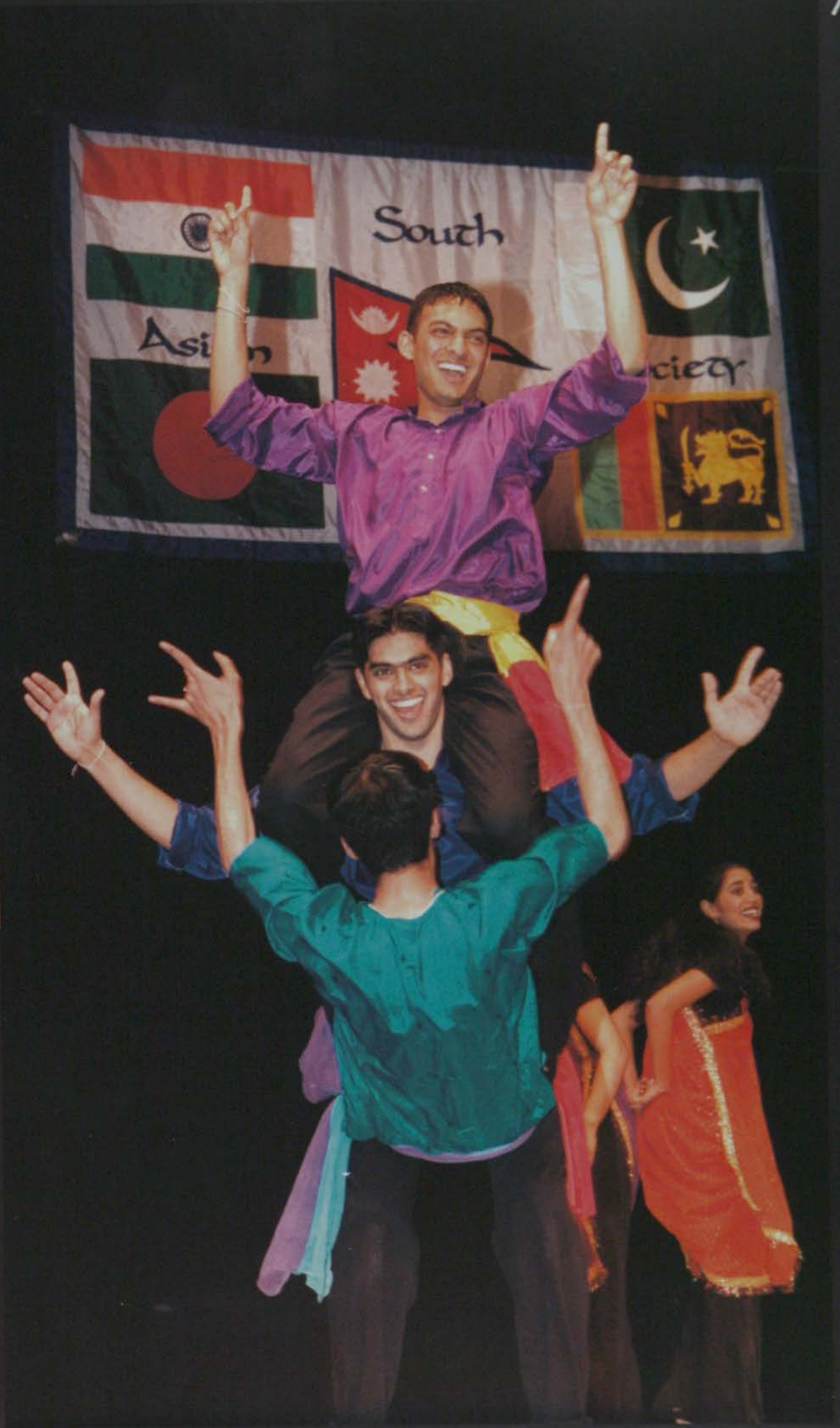
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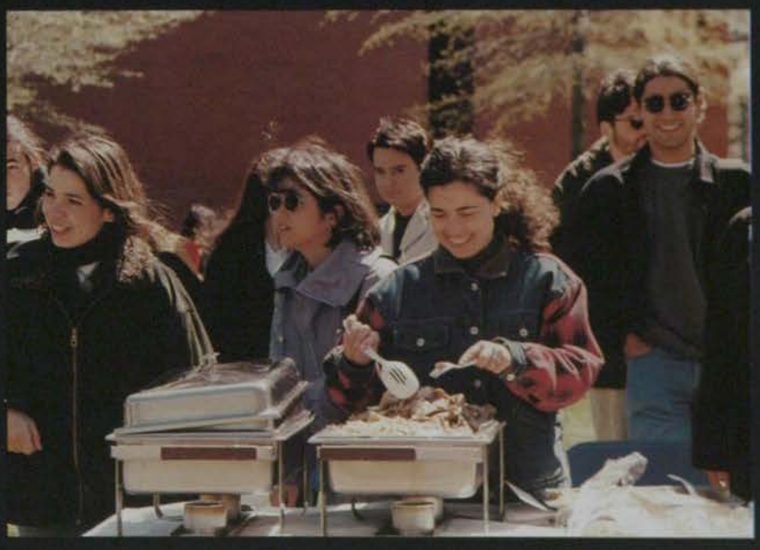








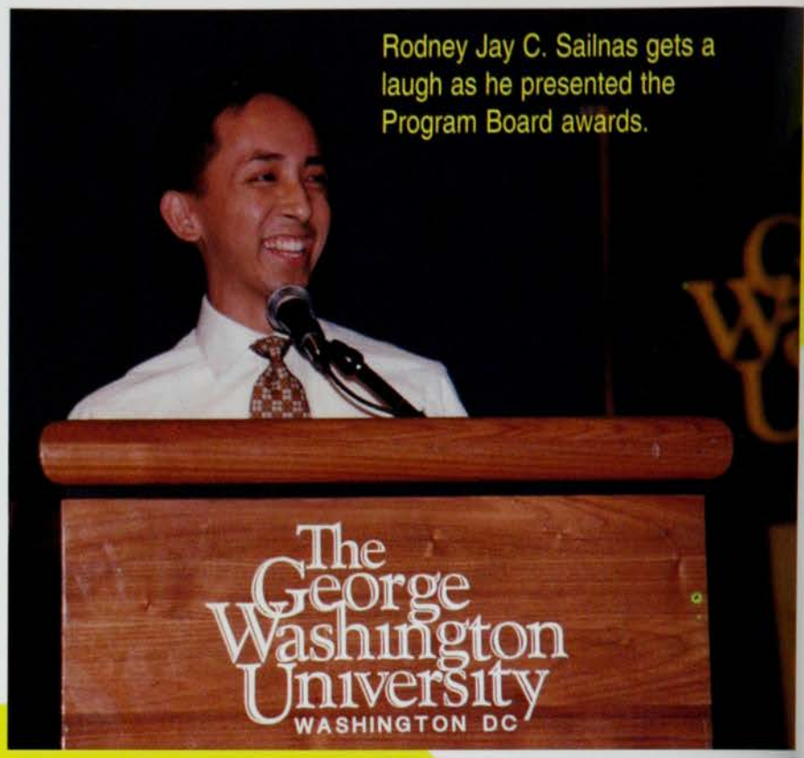




Dr. Joseph Greenberg sits back and smiles as he hears that he won the Advisor of the Year Award.



Rodney Jay C. Sailnas gets a laugh as he presented the Program Board awards.





Baer Award Winners
Chukwuemeka Olumba, Janeen Latini, Robin Runge, Ludi Souter-Kline, Akosua Walker, and Rodney Jay C. Salinas

Excellence in Student Life



Rusty Stahl received the Scolarship for Student Leadership Development at the 12th Annual Excellence in Studnet life Awards Dinner.



Omer Totonji received the Gail Short Hanson Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Gail Short Hanson presented the award to Omer with Marvin Center Governing Board Chair Kate Arnold.



Dr. Robert Chernak and Kris Epperly-Betts present Dr. Joe Greenberg with the Advisor of the Year Award at the Excellence in Student Life Dinner.

Spring Fling '97



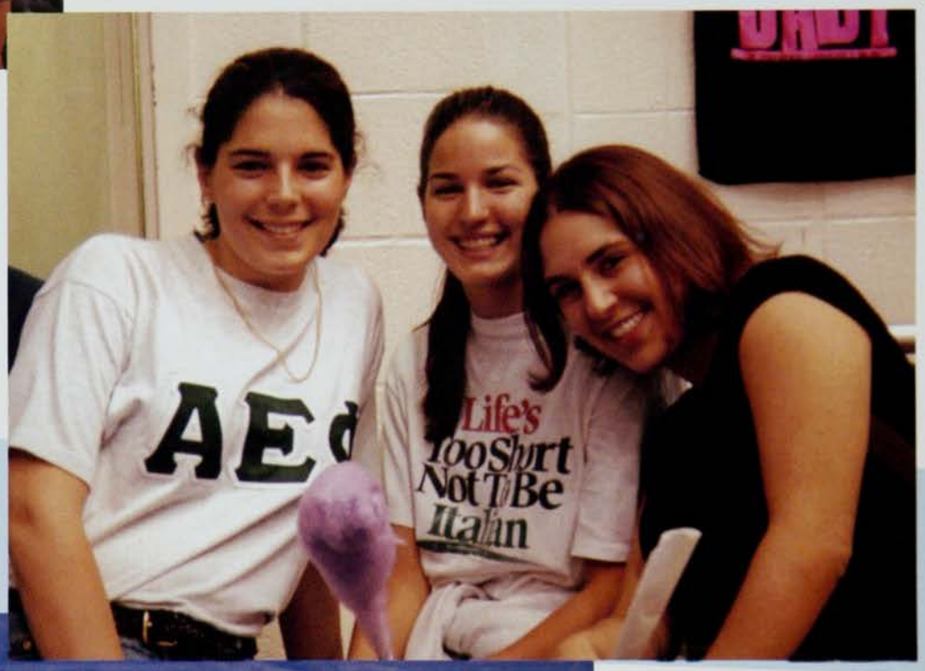


Holding Spring Fling inside the Smith Center was slowly becoming a tradition. Bad weather forced this year's Spring Fling, *Back to the Beach*, indoors again for the second year in a row. Despite Mother Nature's unwillingness to cooperate with the students' desire for Spring Fling to be held outside on the Quad, the Program Board was able to pull it off inside the Smith Center. Over 3,000 students attended the event and enjoyed a day of revelry and free food before they had to bury themselves in books for finals.

As a trademark of Spring Fling, free T-shirts were given out to more than 2,000 students. For those who were fortunate enough to get a T-shirt – ENJOY! It may be the last





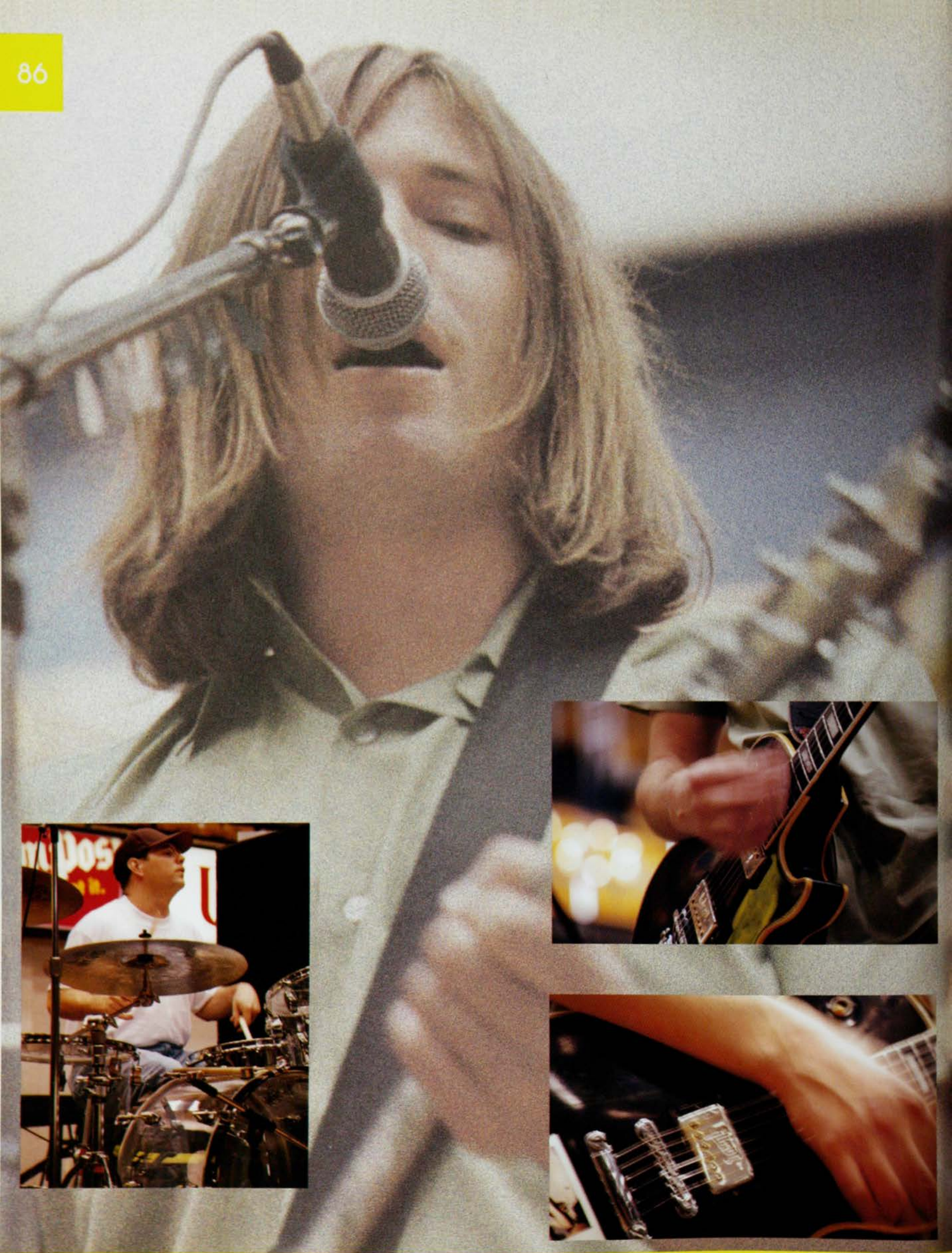


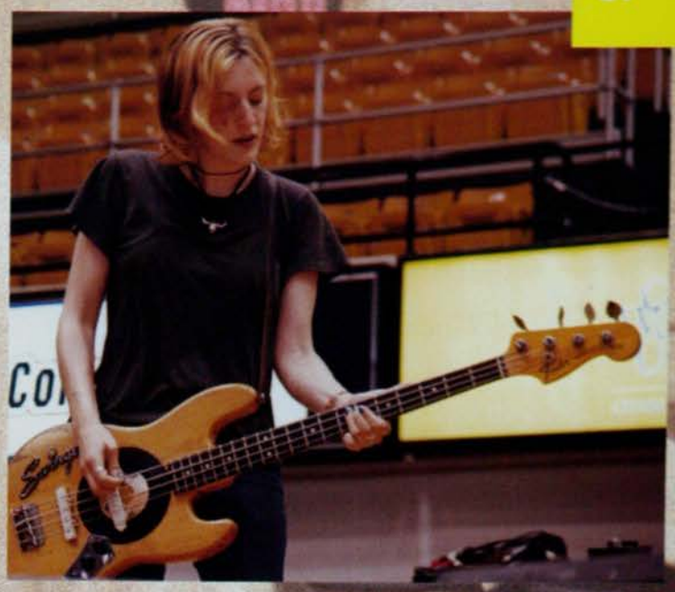
free T-shirt GW was giving out that year. Four amusement rides were also available for everyone to "de-stress," including a Velcro "Splat!" Wall, and an Inflatable "Whack!" Joust.

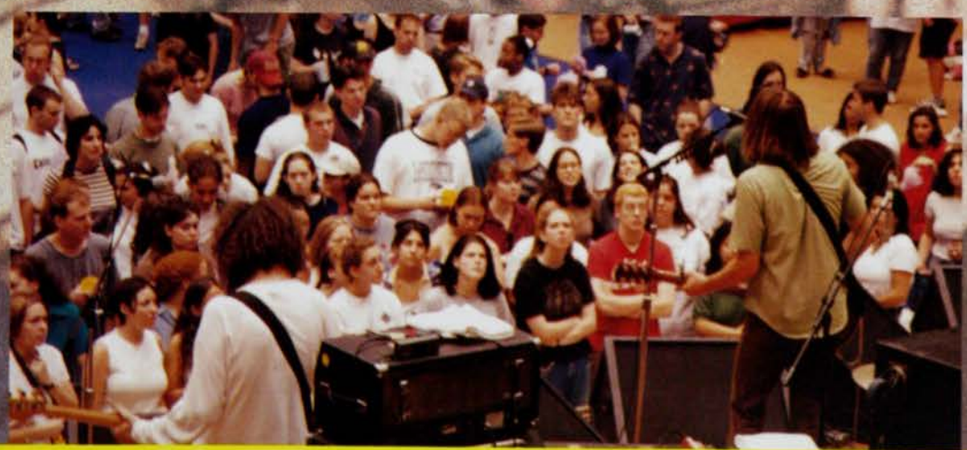
Four bands entertained everybody during the afternoon, including a special two-hour performance by The Lemonheads, which was widely attended by the student body. The Program Board's Concert Chair, Jennifer Vento, said, "It was kind of a problem, and I felt bad that it was moved inside. I think it also had some kind of impact on their performance. Overall, they put on a good and long show. They were also pretty receptive to the crowd, which was cool."

To have so many people attend an event like this inside is an accomplishment in itself. Next year, the students can only hope Mother Nature will receive the memo reminding her not to rain on Spring Fling again.











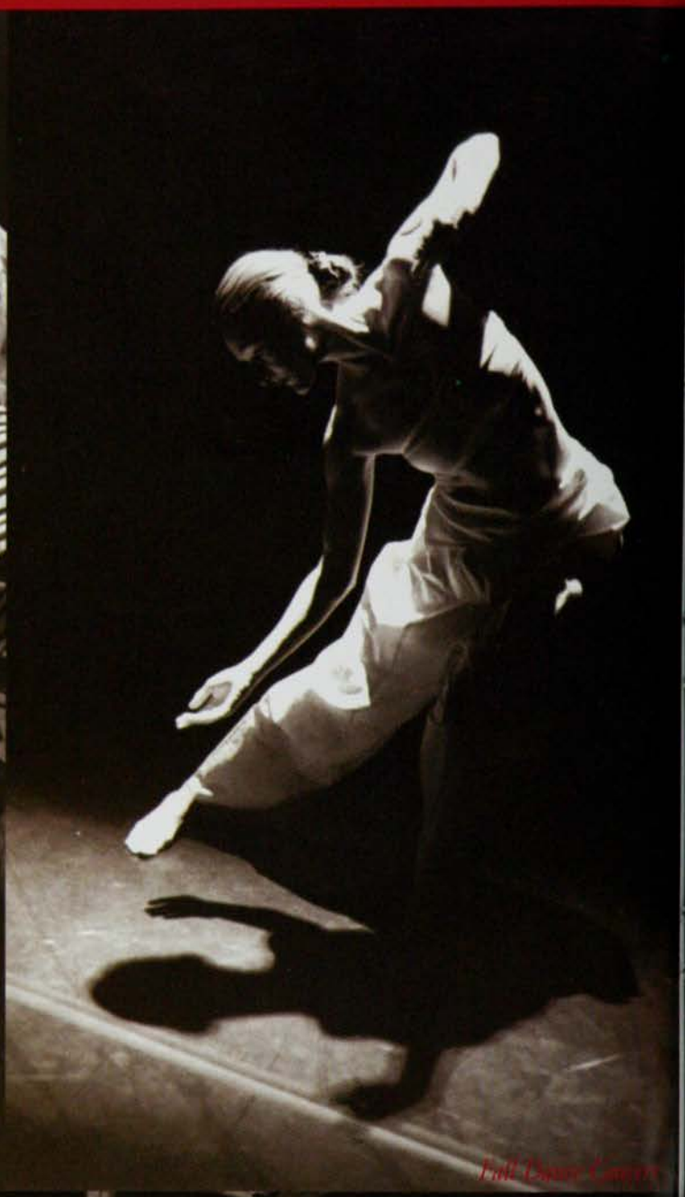




Kathy Weil gets a free hair cut. It's amazing what GW students will do when something is "free"



Croak, or The Last Frog



Fall Dance Concert

1996-97 Mainstage Season

Woman in Black

Mother Courage and Her Children

Fall Dance Concert

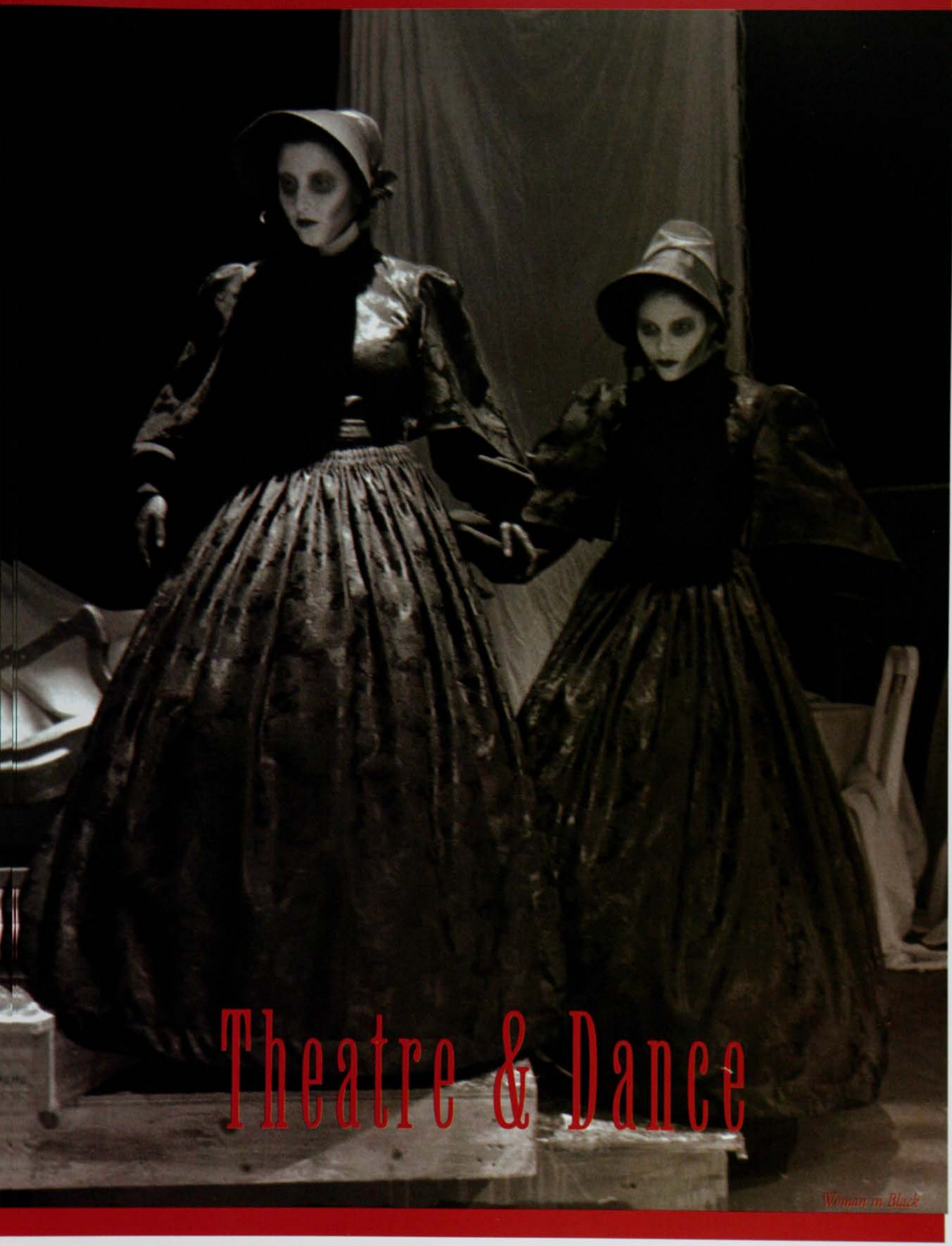
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Croak, or The Last Frog

Spring Dance Concert



As You Like It



Theatre & Dance

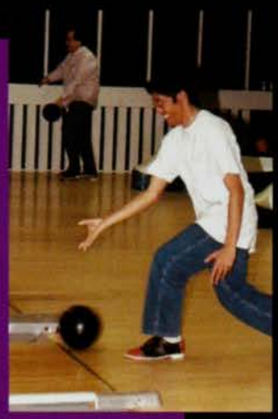
Woman in Black

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SENIOR WEEK 1997

Bowling & Suds







Comedian Wali Collins

Other Activities

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- Stress Free Zone
- Tequila Grill
- Atlantic City
- GW Monument Bus Tour

Orioles v. Seattle

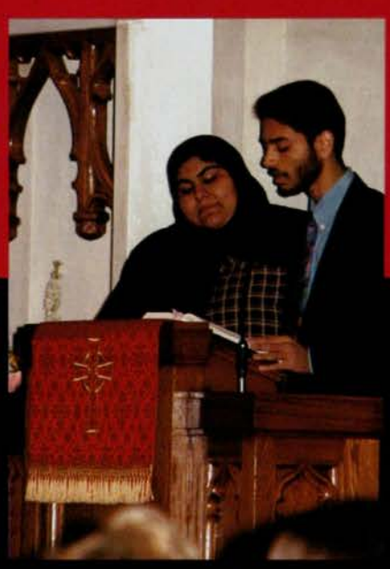




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Wine Tasting



Coffeehouse: Music by "BLOOS"



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Alan Kay

CSAS & Law School, BA '57, JD '59

The Honorable Alan Kay serves as Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia Circuit. He is currently Chair, National Conference of Bar Examiners. Judge Kay was a partner with the law firm of Bregman, Abell & Kay from 1967 to 1991.

Ms. Nakyun Shin is Congresswoman of the 15th National Assembly and Vice President of the political party, The National Congress for New Politics (NCNP), Seoul, Korea. She has served as Deputy Director of the Citizen's Coalition for the Asia-Pacific Region and as a university lecturer.



Nakyun Shin

Graduate School of Education & Human Development, MA '84, EdS '91



Floretta Dukes McKenzie

Graduate School of Education & Human Development, EdD '85

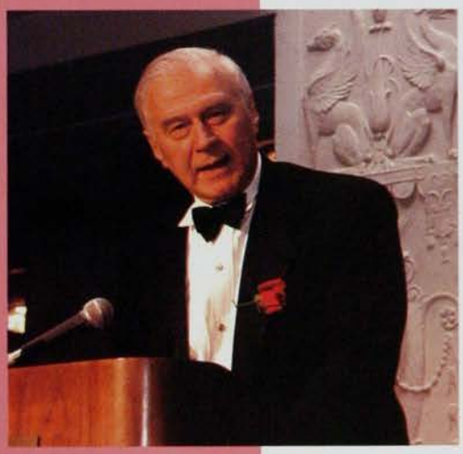
Dr. Floretta Dukes McKenzie is founder and president of The McKenzie Group, Inc., an educational consulting firm. She formerly served as Deputy Assistant Secretary with the U.S. Department of Education and as Superintendent of Dictrict of Columbia Public Schools.



Patrick J. Martin

CSAS & SEAS, MA '66, DSc '72

Dr. Patrick J. Martin is President of Americas Customer Operations and Corporate Vice President of Xerox Corporation. He formerly served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and as an Associate Professor at The George Washington University.



John Wallace McMeel

CSAS & The George Washington University School of Medicine, AB '49, MD '53

Dr. J. Wallace McMeel is the Clinical Senior Scientist at the Schepens Eye Research Institute, one of the largest and most prestigious centers for eye research in the world. The Institute is affiliated with the Harvard Medical School. Dr. McMeel has served as President of the Retina Society.



Archer L. Durham

ESIA, MS '75

Archer L. Durham is a retired Major General of the United States Air Force, where he served in various offices for over 36 years. He was nominated by President Clinton and currently serves as Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.



Monumental





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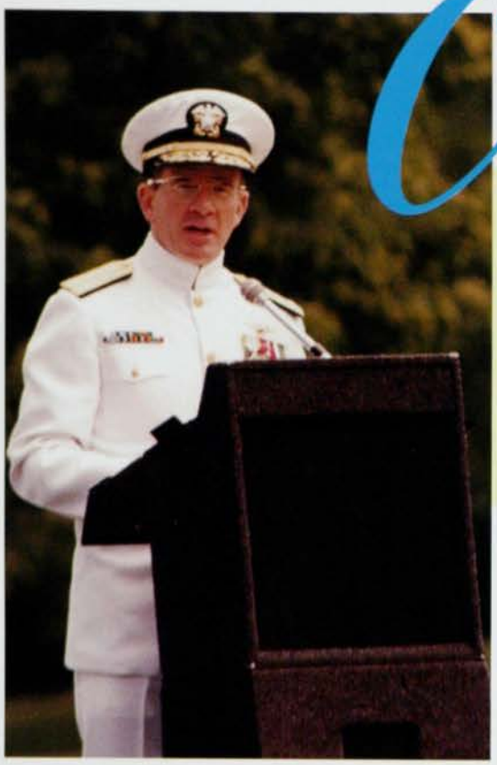
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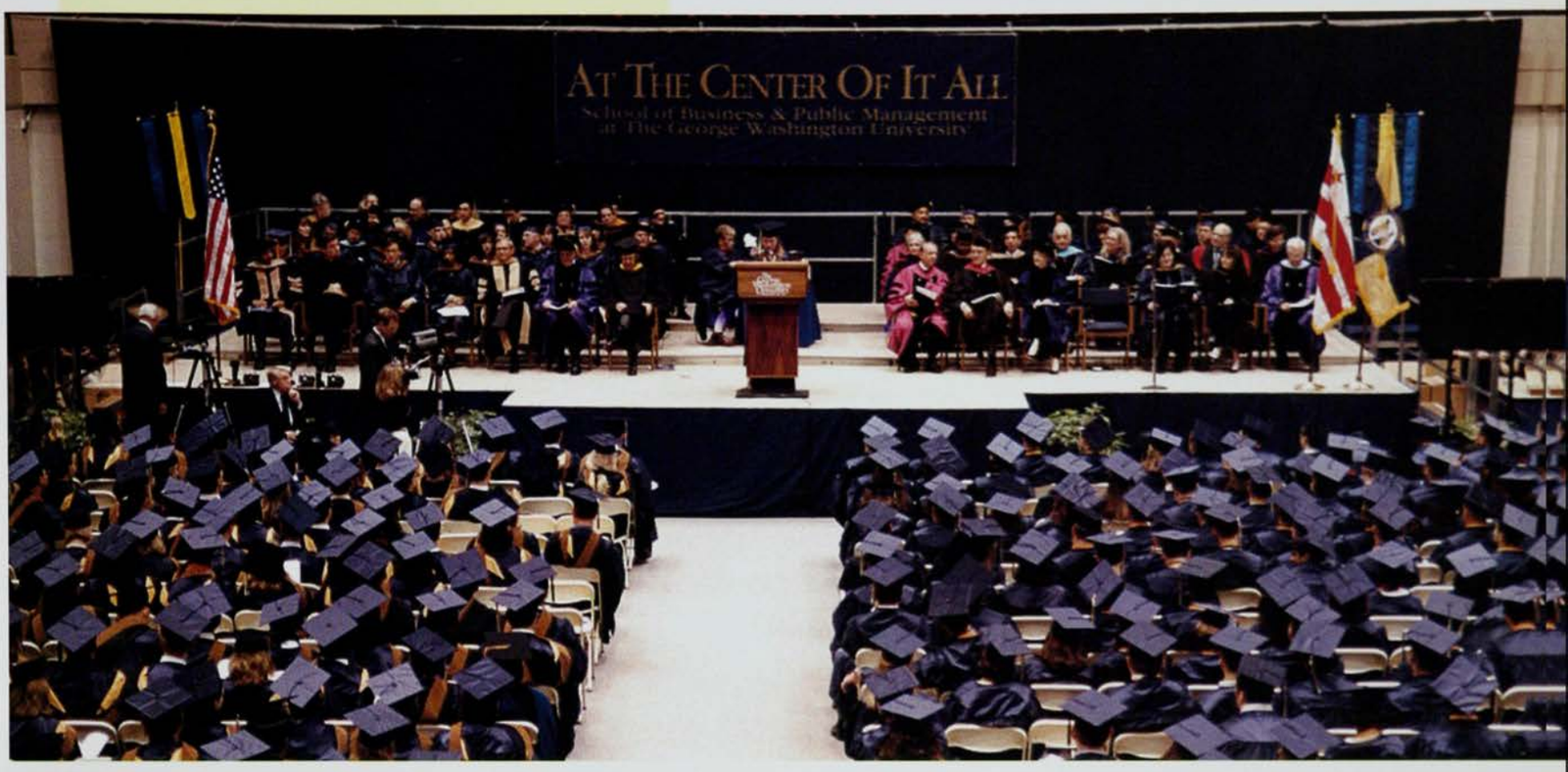


Union Station

Individual School Ceremonies






At The Center Of It All
School of Business & Public Management
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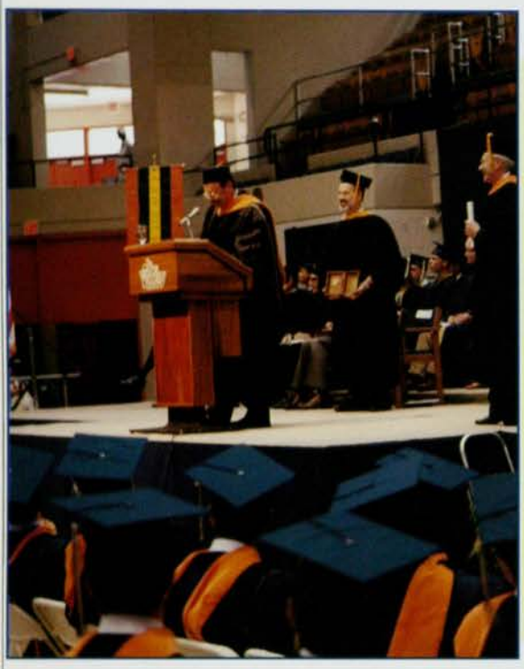



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Alejo "Wally" Jumat is joined by some seniors to sing and celebrate graduation.







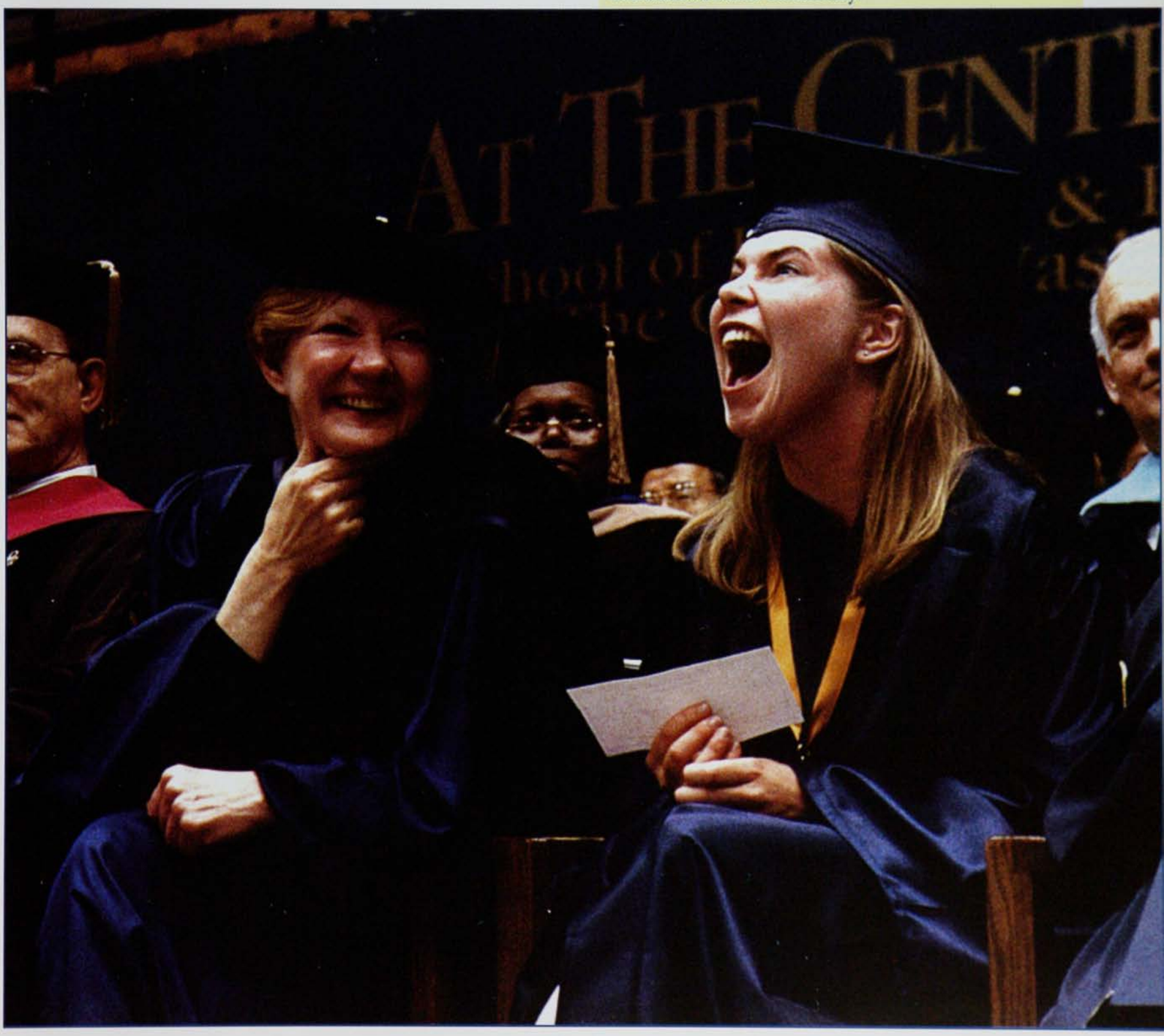


SBPM seniors show off their hats and smile for the camera (and the parents).



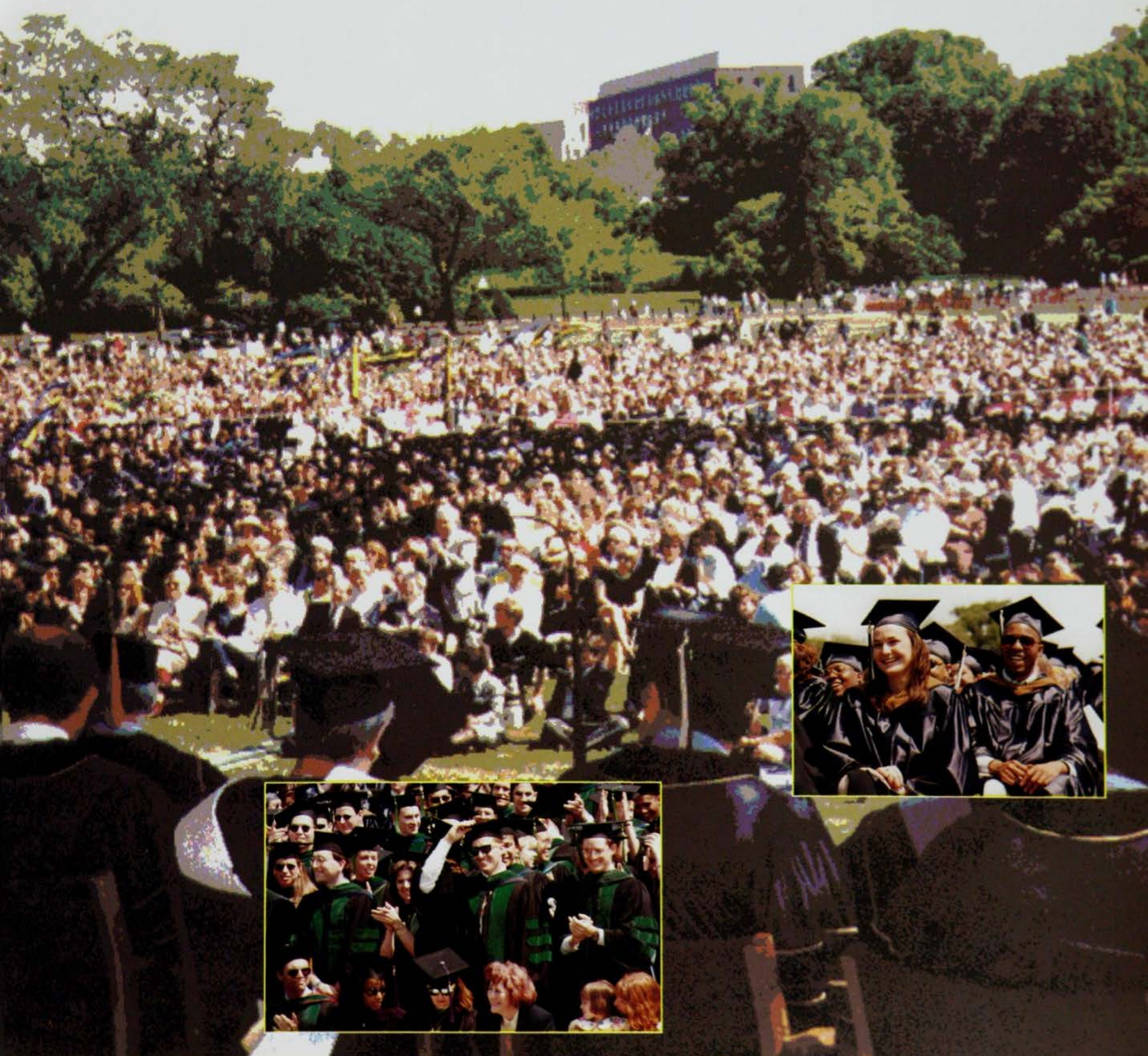


SBPM's Associate Dean Lois Graff and Kristine Gackenheimer are all smiles at the School of Business and Public Management's commencement ceremony.





Commencement






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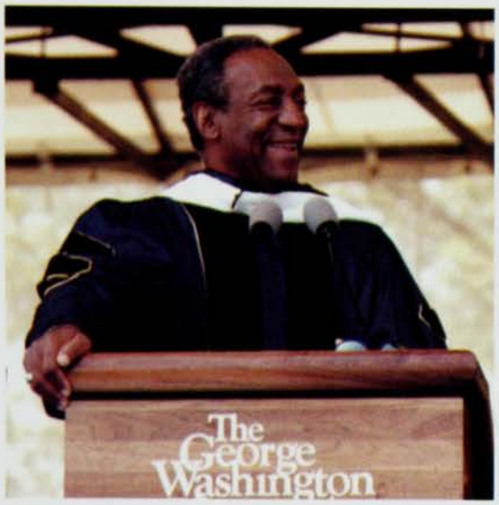

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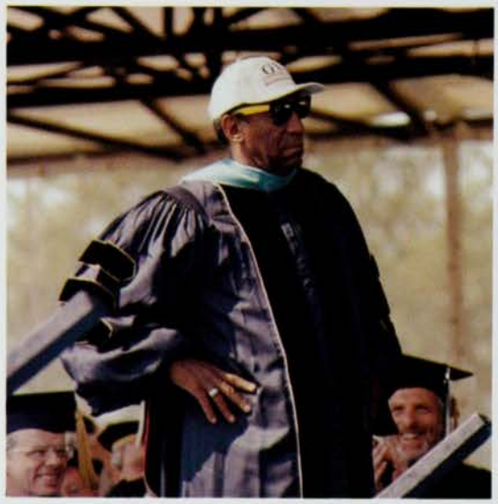


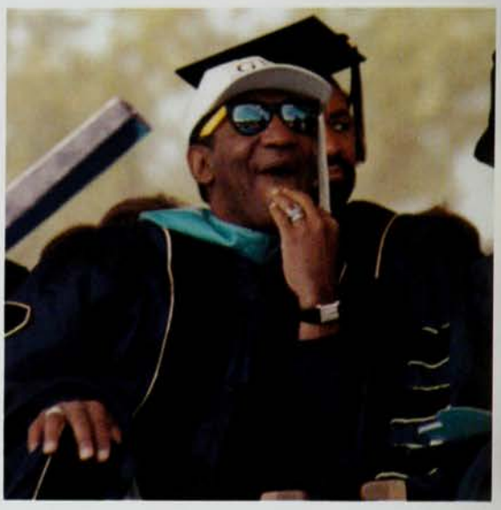

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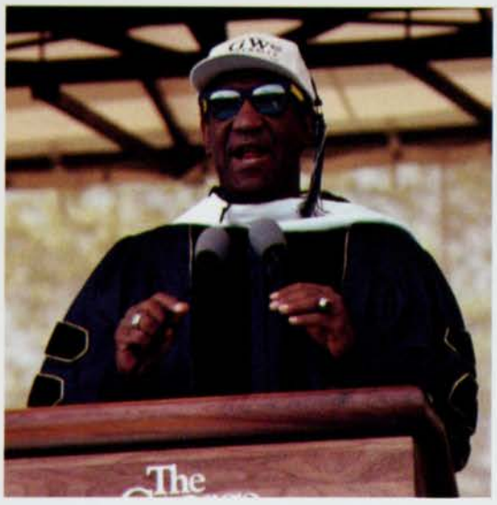
The Many Faces of 1997 Commencement Speaker

Bill Cosby

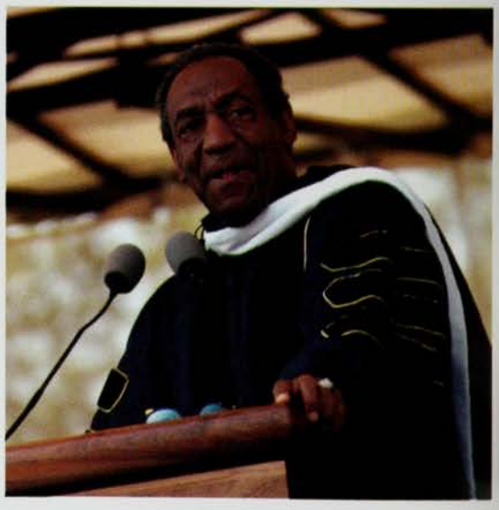


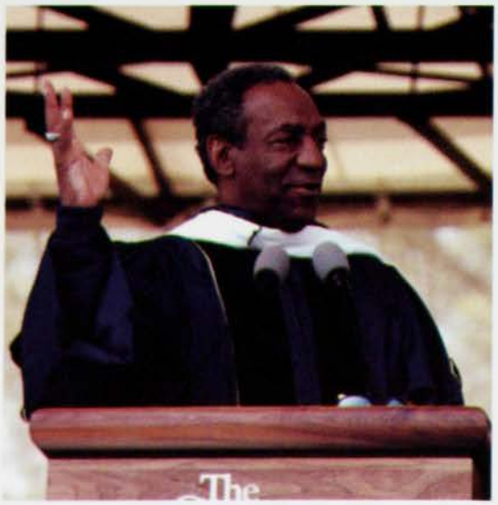


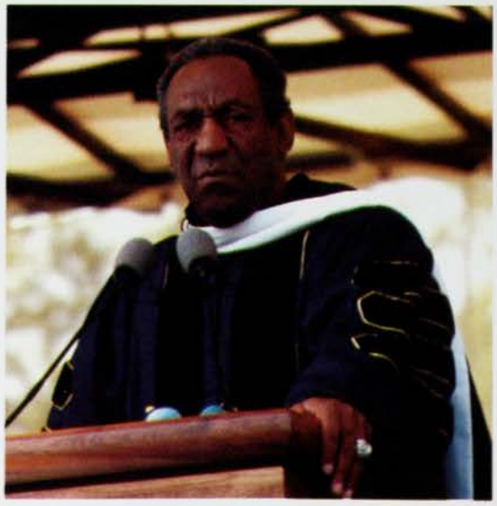


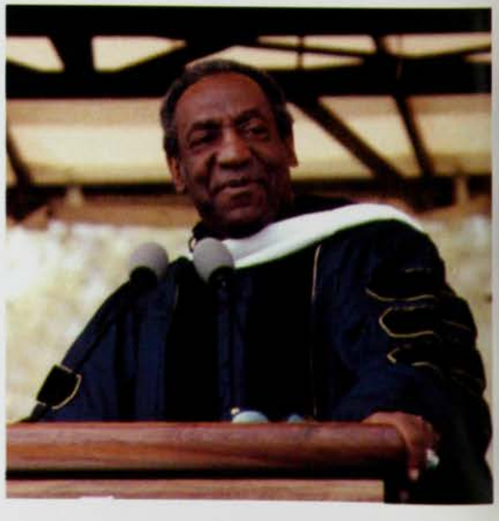


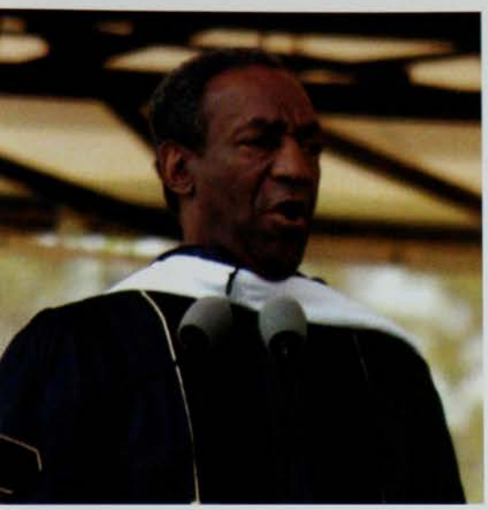


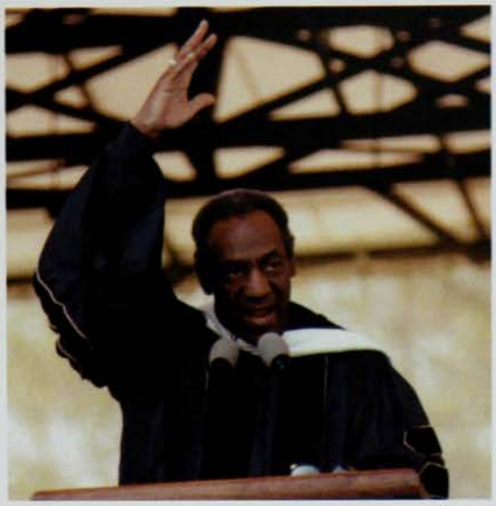


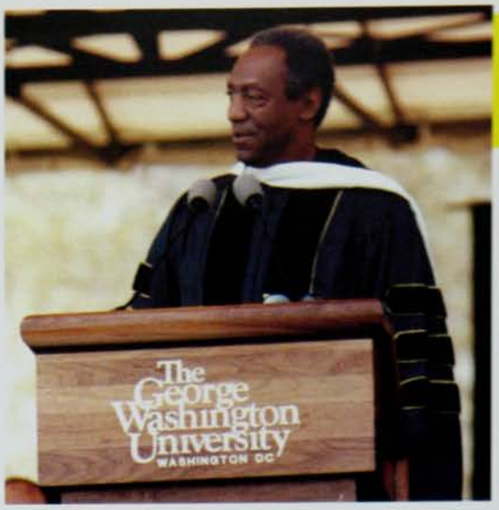


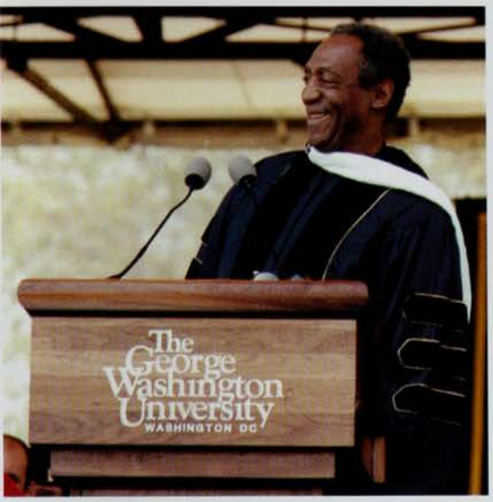










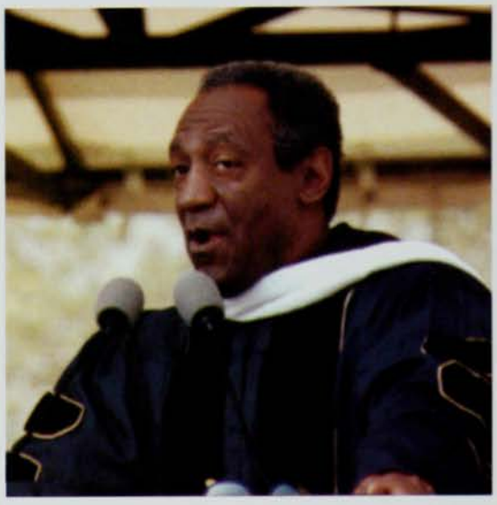


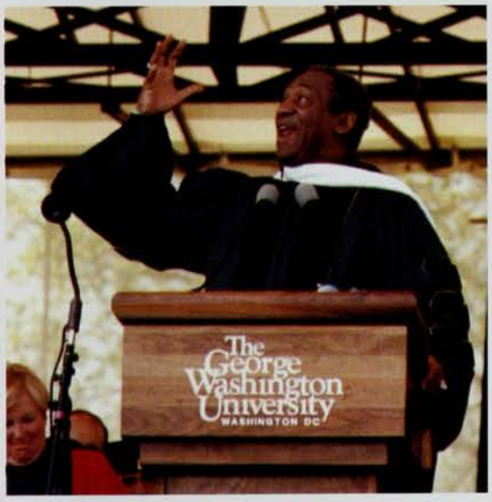
"People always say, 'You don't need money. Why are you still working?' My answer is that it isn't about money. It's about accepting the challenge of one's own ideas, clarifying the unanswered questions, and pursuing the excitement of discovery.

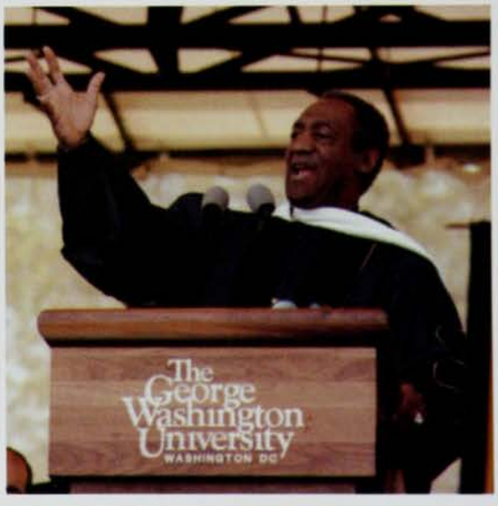
It is always a pleasure to see the fresh faces of new graduates. It's also fun to notice the relieved smiles of the parents, who have been wondering, 'Are they going to be all right?' The unanswered questions are now really directed at them.

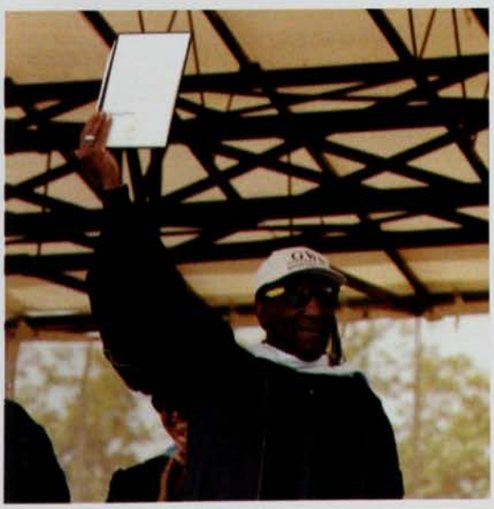
Rationem educationis tuae reddere debeas. *[You ought to be able to show justification for your education.]*

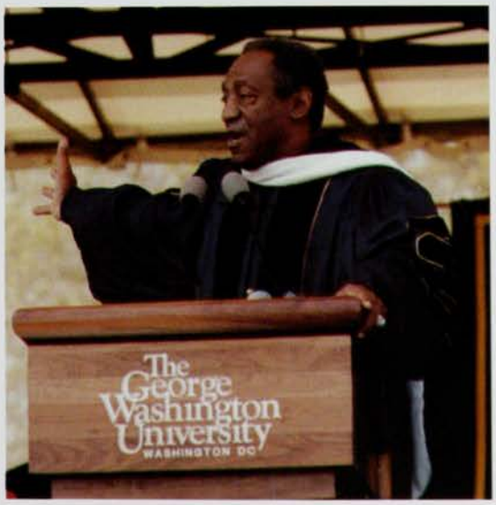
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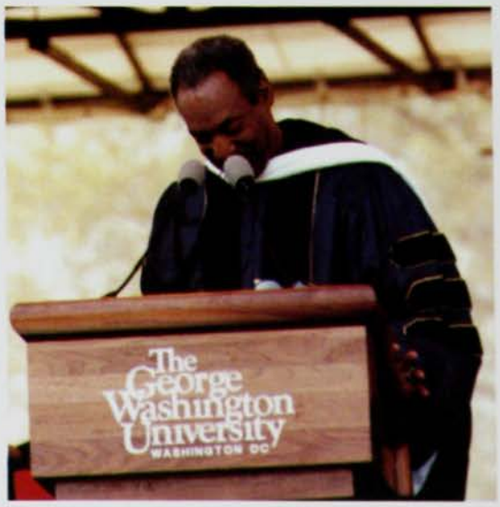




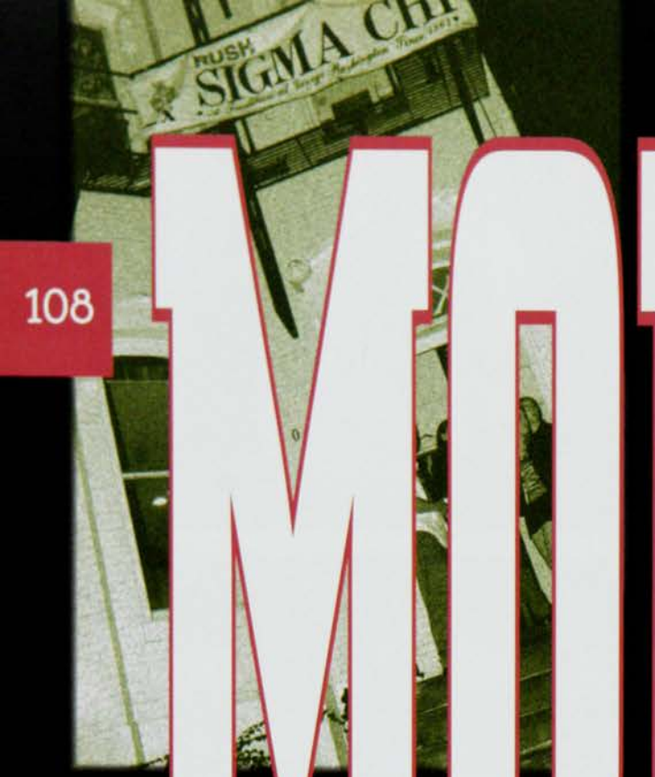


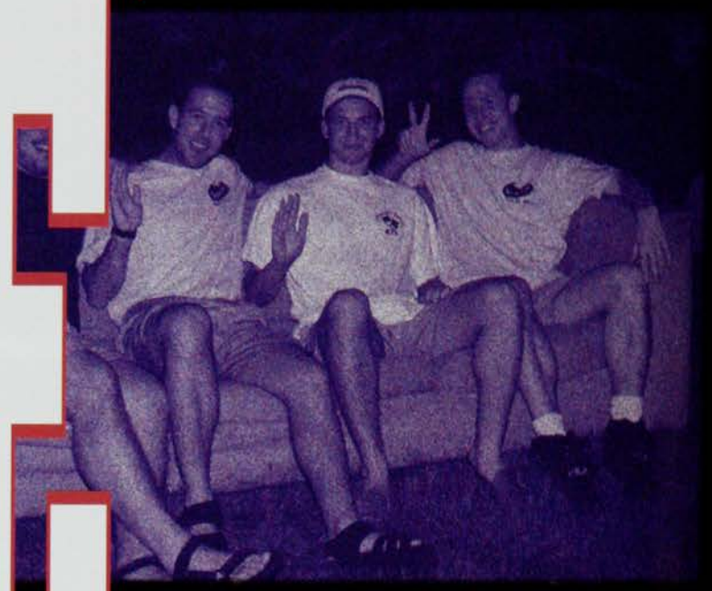


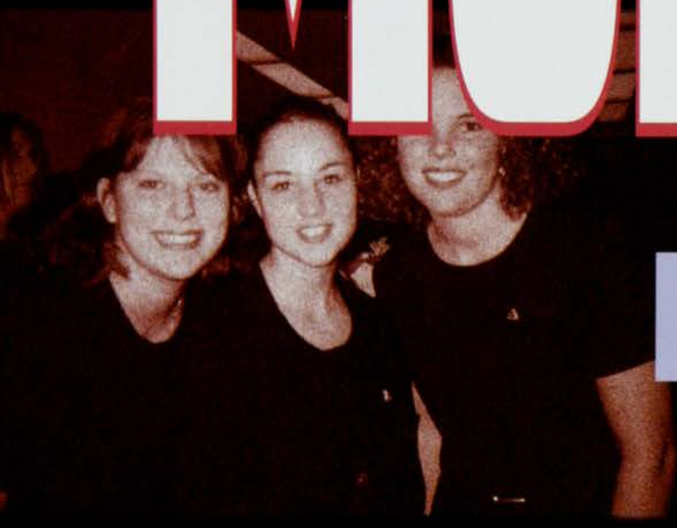




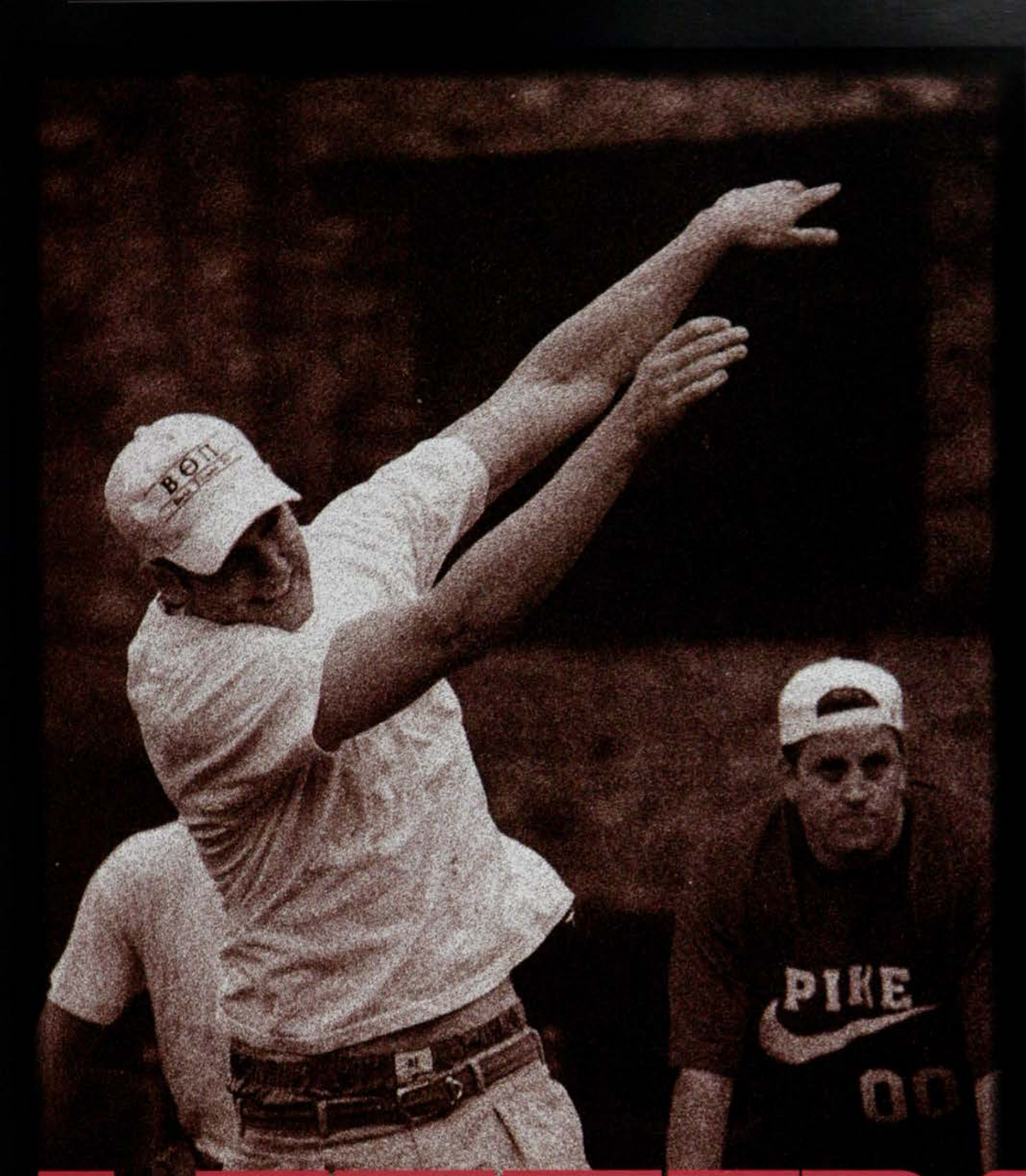
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LETTERS



PANHELLENIC



Back Row: Melissa Rubin, Rachel Mandelman, Lisa Debow, Heather Malkin, Gina Fasulo
Front Row: Liz Alfonzetti, Jill Canino, Carrie Jablonow, Janine Rogers



Natalie Ecohen, Kristy Timko, Julia Flynn, Candice Cokk, Ellen Panagi, Autumn Deatherage, Wylie Garfield, Rachel Griffin, Darcy Kennelly, Andrea Douglas, Kristy Amendolare, Nicole Brandi, Sarah Storrs, Esther Racenstein, Mikey Lawerence, Ann Rotz, Christna Stevens, Valerie Lamotte, Stefany Needel, Michel Francisco, Erica Striebel, Tara Lucas, Alyson Rappaport, Sandra Falus, Dyana Pinkerton, Kelly Moore, Blair Bennet, Elizabeth Alfonzetti, Melissa Cone, Melissa Lee, Cat Sadler, Kay Ann Panagi, Jacklyn Sudeen, Randy Wientraus, Lisa Gugliotta, Kim Pohlman, Meredith Gursky, Jessica Hasset, Lili Khozeimeh Benay Richman, Meghan Blair, Emma Richards, Jessicaaa Efros, Rebecca Atwood, Emily Tang, Juli Yang, Julie Hayden, Steffi Grzesik, Joyce Capati, Elise Kurson, Katie Biber, lisa Turkeltaub, Amy Reich



Michele Francisco, Candice cook and Blair Bennet enjoy each other's company at Retreat '96.

Emily Tang, Autumn Deatherage, Liz Alfonzetti, and Wylie Garfield show off their creative Halloween costumes.





At Retreat '96, Meredith Gursky and Wylie Garfield strengthen their friendship.

The Building of a New Tradition – "The First and the Finest"

by Meghan Blair

Alpha Delta Pi members came to GW's campus in October, 1996, looking for a group of enthusiastic members that could build a chapter from the ground up. Nationally, Alpha Delta Pi holds the distinction of being the first secret society for college women. Locally, GW had established the Alpha Pi chapter of Alpha Delta Pi exactly 75 years ago. It closed in 1968.

With the help of numerous national advisors, ADPi became a realization with over 50 new members pledging the sorority in October 1996. Alpha Delta Pi achieved the third highest GPA of all the sororities at GW in the fall. One of its members was awarded the Panhellenic New Member Scholarship. ADPi established itself this year with leadership and involvement that will only grow as the chapter's members adjust and have more time to dedicate to the university.

The result of several months of hard work and dedication was culminated by two events this year. The Spring Rush class of 1997, where Alpha Delta Pi accepted 10 new members, and the initiation of all the founding and colony sisters together on February 22, on the 75th anniversary of its original founding.

The previous chapter held such distinctions as having among its ranks the Editor of *The Cherry Tree* in 1927, the first woman editor of the *Hatchet* in 1930, and an Alpha Pi from GW was also the first woman Marine officer to retire with 20 years of continuous service to her country.

The first officers of the first colony of ADPi were President Joyce Capati, EVP Sarah Storrs, Membership Education VP Emily Tang, Treasurer Randi Weintraub, Philanthropy Chair Katie Biber, and Recording Secretary Rachel Griffin.

The sisters of ADPi wish to thank all those in the Greek system and other organizations that have welcomed them to campus. The sisters involved are proud to be the first class since 1968 and hope to become the finest in years to come.

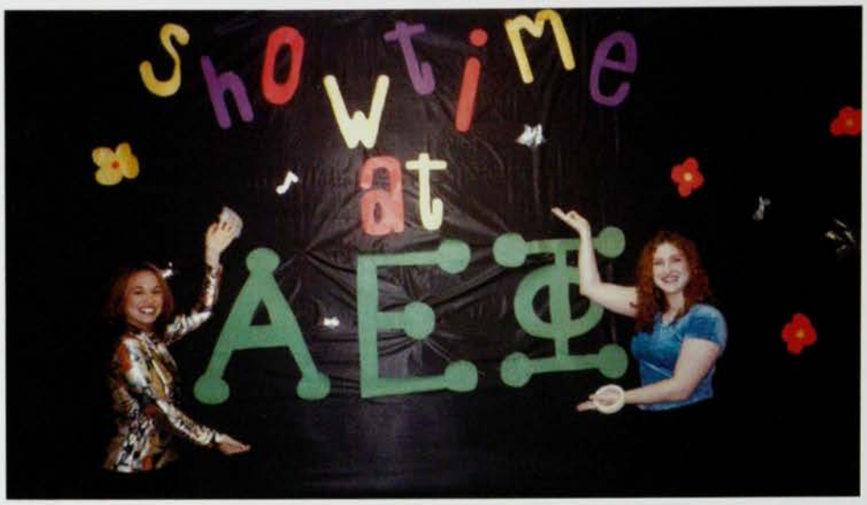
Alpha Gamma Chapter on campus since 1915
Flower: Lily of the Valley
Colors: Kelly Green & White
Symbols: Giraffe

AEΦ

Motto: "Many hearts, one purpose"
Philanthropy: Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Israel
Cost:$300/ semester for pledges
$250/ semester for sisters



The Juniors of AEPhi



Melissa Gordon and Erin Klein show off their art work during Fall Rush.

below: (1st-top) Mimi Cohen, (2nd) Heather Sachs, (3rd) Danielle Fredman, Jaclyn Tortira, Erin Udell, Michelle Warannch, Ashley Gordon, (4th) Lesley Warthamer,



Rachel Spilken, Julie Setern, Jill Weiner, Tracy Berkowitz, Loren Lieberman, (5th) Stacy Forgana, Lara Schatz, Stephanie Gladstone, Amanda Berun, Beth Feldmna

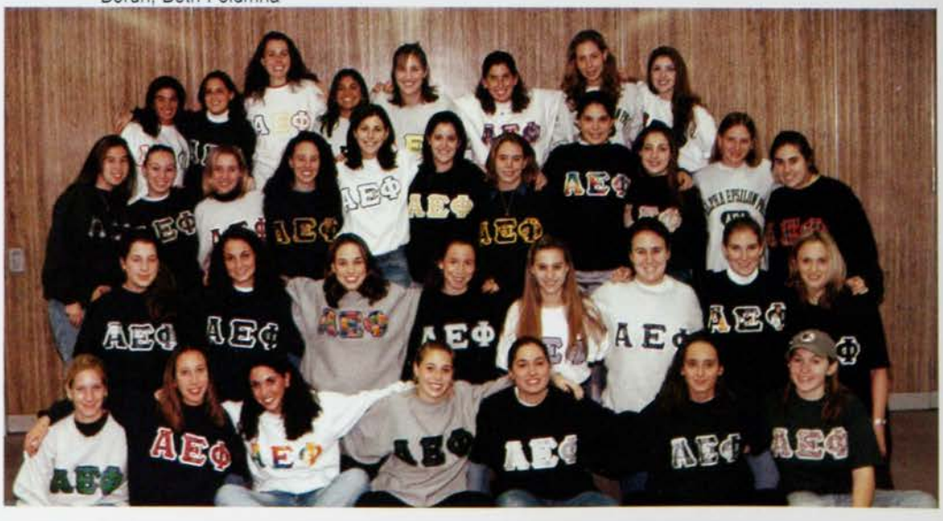
below: (1st-top) Sharon Goldstein, (2nd) Raquel Malina, Laura DellaGuardia, Erin Klein, (3rd) Libby Langsdorf, Michelle Mac, Missy Klein, Tracey Spector,
Rebecca Goodman, Michelle Stratz,



Jen Pilz, Susie Wiesenfeld, Melissa Rubin, Rachel Gupta, (4th) Rayna Luchs, Melissa Gordan, Liz Shore, Dawn Zubnck



Melissa Rubin, Libby Schlatter, Tamara Gross, Robyn Schwartz, and Dawn Zubrick dance at Falll Rush.



front row: Libby Schlather, Tamara Gross, Rachel Gupta, Susie Wiesenfeld, Liz Shore, Michele Straz, Missy Klein
second row: Erin Hanson, Melissa Rubin, Melisa Gordon, Rachel Moroah, Dawn Zubrick, Jenifer Pilz, Sharon Goldstein, Rayna Luchs
third row: Rachel Mandelman, Jamie Grollman, Laura DellaGuardia, Melanie Klron, Emily Krasney, Robyn Schwartz, Debbie Greenblat, Manssa Ollens, Stephanie Michelson, Lisa Perlmutter
back row: Jessica Vigoda, Michelle Testa, Andrea Zeitman, Sonal Shah, Alyson Raifman, Rachel Kreiger, Regina Munter, Meredith Bailen

Mu Delta Chapter on campus since 1978
Colors: Salmon Pink & Apple Green

AKA

Motto: By Culture and by Merit
Philanthropy: Border Babies DC General













Beta Rho Chapter
Flower: Cream Rose
Colors: Bronze, Pink & Blue
Symbols: Hannah & Anchor

ΔΓ

Motto: "Do Good"
Philanthropy: Service for Sight
Cost: $230/ semester for pledges
$367.50/ semester for sisters



(left to right): Bethany Vincent, Jody Hubbard, Sarah Crites, Lizz Pawlson, Heather Roark Stacey Shubitz, Stacey Sawyer, Stef Zalewski



front row: Amy Wilson, Terrri Gumipeuro, Shelby Elliot; second row: Brooke Jospe, Laura Mann, Amy Renshaw, Lauren Weiss, Shannon Polan, Kelly Parisi; third row: Lissa Loeb, Jackie Lichten, Carrie Campion, Yrette Missri, Priti Doshi; back row: Katie Harper, McKaylee Kerwin, Emily Fusser, Bernadette Pitts, Linda Kohn

A Barbecue with sisters Sarah Crites, Cam smith, Bethaney Vincent, Rebecca Deffes, Melissa Komasz, Lizz Pawlson, Emily Pusser, Bridgette Nadzam





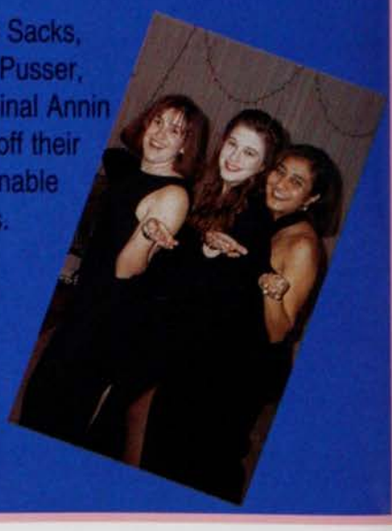
Stacey Shubitz, Jackie Lichten, and Stacey Sawyer hold Jennifer Reich after a meeting.



A Phi Sigma Kappa dances with Meredith Gordon.



Sarah Crites, Stef Zalewski, Carrie Torgesen, Meredith Gordon and Christine Bordeleau celebrate with President Trachtenberg.



Nicole Sacks, Emily Pusser, and Minal Annin show off their fashionable gowns.

Gamma Chi Chapter on campus since 1929
Flower: Fleur-de-lis
Colors: Light Blue & Dark Blue
Symbols: Owl & Key

ΚΚΓ

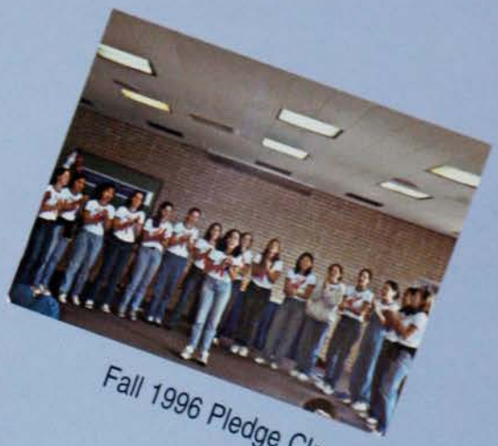
Motto: "A closer union in the bond of fiendship"
Philanthropy: Rehabilitation
Cost: $450/ semester for pledges
$300/ semester for sisters



Jaye Boyer, Leah Horvath, Jennifer Miller, Gina Fusulo, Maria Pienado, Stacey Bang, Serena Poffev, Lettie Brittu

Rossana Gustafson, Lauren Marcello, Samantha Yakutiel, Stacy Hessa, Sarah Versacci





Fall 1996 Pledge Class





front row: Sarah Versacci, Sonal Oupta, Rossann Gustafson, Cece Campbell, Stacy Hesse, Lauren Marcello, Maura Miller, Jennifer Gonzalez; back row: Martha Henson, Cat Kelleher, Davida Heller, Amy Koppelman, Sarah Janezuk, Samantha Yakutiel, Ellen Peters, Samantha Gill, Hannah Eskridge, Laura Towart



front row: Leanne Nen, Hallie Zink, Libby Michaelson, Julie Wenger, Meryll Feldman, Melissa Pena; back row: Melissa Goodman, Amye Steinberg, Stephanie Lutz, Jennifer Melis, Meredith Lee, Mayumi Noguchi, Jill Canino, Remy Tesset, Valerie Winters

Alpha Tau Chapter
Flower: Yellow Tea Rose
Colors: Cafe au Lait & Blue
Symbols: Torch

ΣΔΤ

Motto: "One Hope of Many"
Philanthropy: Child Abuse Prevention
Cost:$310/ semester for pledges
$210/ semester for sisters



right: (top) Bari Komitee, Wendy Schwam, Christie Brindle, Jen Goodkin; (middle) Heather Malkin, Teri Marcus, Audrey Zalcman, Rachel Narva, Stacey Dershaw; (bottom) Rachel Beane, Melissa Shear, Carrie Smith

below: (top) Ali Feldman, Erin Stein, Andra Mielnicki, Carrie Schecter, Jamie Rosner, Kim Stone, Heather Malkin, Ransie Ullman, Bari Komitee, Nori Brownstein, Danielle Nuzzo, Janine Rogers
(middle) Sheera Kiriat, Abby Geller, Lindsay Etra, Sharon Feingold, Marina Spindler, Christie Brindle, Penny Silk, Teri Marcus, Audrey Zalcman, Stacey dershaw, Liza Deringer, Danielle Drabkin, Danielle Neumann, Jen Goodkin, Eryn Wiener
(bottom) Michelle Sonenberg, Michelle Schectman, Kim kroiz, Tamar Biksen, Dena Perez, Wendy Schwam, Rachel Narva, Jessica Zalkind



Zeta Chapter
Flower: Violet
Colors: Maroon & Lavendar
Symbols: Heart & Dove

ΣK

Motto: "One heart, one way"
Philanthropy: Alzheimers and Maine Sea Coast Mission
Cost: $360/ semester for pledges
$190/ semester for sisters



All of the Sigma Kappa sisters including the Fall 1996 pledges.



1996 President Sarah Nason shares a moment with 1997 President Joanna Goldstein.



Brooke Riter, Kristin Franco, Meresdith Kosnner, Demi Quinn, Lisa Debow, Dana Niemela enjoy each others' company.



Janella Matter, Katie Barrows, Tabitha Almquist, Sarah Nason, Joanna Goldstein, Sarah Marai, Lita Chidester



Great Friends: Teresa Antonucci, Lisa Debow and Ivy McLure.



Sigma Kappas get ready for their fall semiformal.

TO BE, OR NOT



Sarah Crites of Delta Gamma takes her sorority spirit into the kitchen.



Ben Manalaysay, Bill Burnham and Matt Hopcroft at the Theta Delta Chi Pararelays.

"What will they do to me?" This question goes through the minds of the hundreds of students each year when they decide to rush a fraternity or sorority. Images of running naked through campus, or being forced to drink mass quantities of alcohol in short amounts of time frighten pledges. These negative images, made popular by movies such as "Animal House," or "Revenge of the Nerds," have contributed to a general misconception of Greek letter organizations on college campuses nationwide.

Students at GW soon realized, though, that this stereotype is far from the reality of pledging on this campus. Every fall and spring, several hundred students go through the rush process. Rush is the sole week during which fraternities and sororities host events for students interested in becoming a member of the Greek system. At the end of this week, each fraternity and sorority hands out bids or formal invitations to individuals they have chosen. When the individual accepts the bid, he or she becomes a pledge.

"What will they do to me" is answered when the individual becomes a pledge. "It wasn't what I had expected," said sophomore Stephen Schlieman. "My Dad was in a fraternity, and he told me some pretty wild stories, so I was expecting some pretty bad hazing. But, we were never hazed."

The University has a strict no-hazing policy. Pledges from each fraternity and sorority on campus are required to sign a contract stating that they will notify the office of Greek Affairs if they are ever hazed. According to Marcie

TO BE HAZED

BY JUSTIN PURKEY

Tucker, Director of Greek Affairs, there has never been a reported case of hazing in the four years she has served as director.

The pledges of the Sigma Nu fraternity are required to attend six hours of monitored study hours each week, learn the fraternity's history, and help with maintenance of the chapter house. Dave Burwell, the 1996 pledge educator for Sigma Nu, said, "the main point of pledging a fraternity is to learn about the fraternity. Pledges must show their desire to become brothers by learning the history, getting to know the brothers, and conducting themselves as gentlemen."

The pledge process for the sororities on campus is similar. According to sophomore Stacey Shubitz of Delta Gamma, "Pledging is a great experience. It was a great opportunity to bond with the sisters. We also got to mix with pledges of other sororities through junior Pan-Hellenic association, which allowed us to keep the friendships that we formed during rush. DG pledges went to basketball games together, ate dinner with the sisters, and lots of other fun stuff."

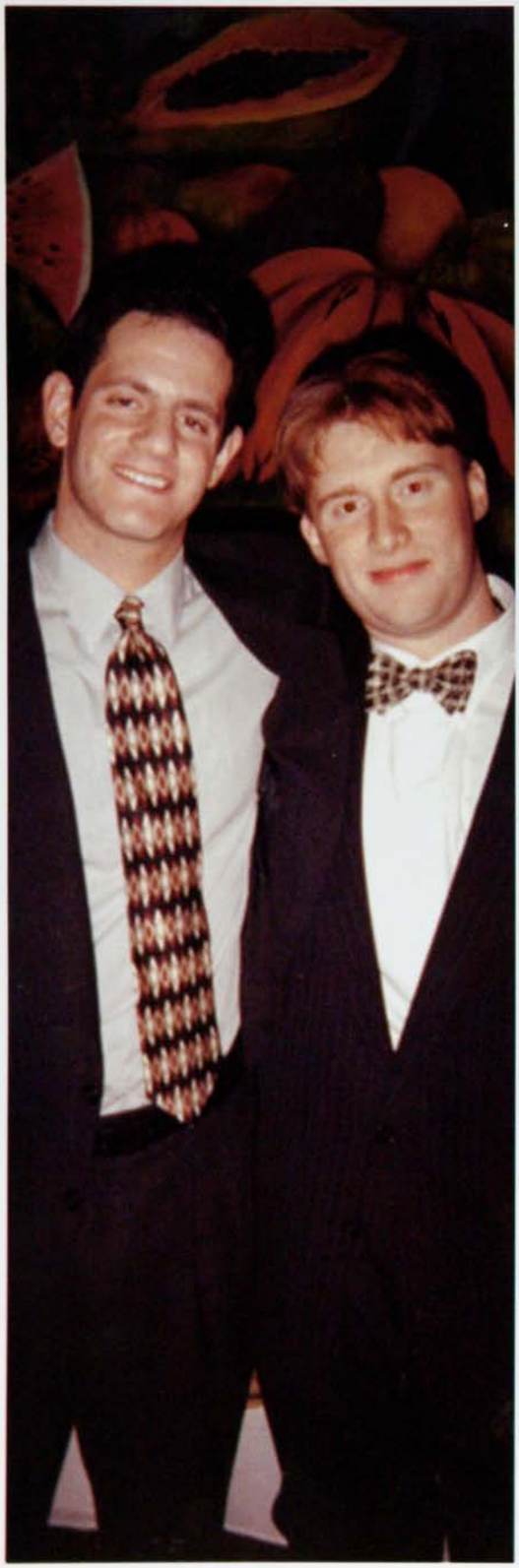
The pledging process lasts anywhere from six to twelve weeks. The denouement of pledging is when individuals are initiated. As full members, they are allowed to wear Greek letters, among other benefits. Sophomore Hannah Eskridge, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma said, "Initiation was a very special time for me. My grandmother, who is also a Kappa, came for it. It meant a lot to me that we have that shared experience."





Melissa Gordon, Liz Shore, and Dawn Zubnk share in their Sigma pledge class activites.

BIG SISTER IS



BY: JILL BONK

The Big/Little Sister program is one of the most fun and rewarding traditions for sorority women. Providing a sense of family away from home, a big sister becomes a mentor and role model for her little sister. "My big sister is someone I treasure, and she is one of my closest friends at GW," says junior Christie Brindle of Sigma Delta Tau, "She has truly taught me the meaning of sisterhood."

Sorority life is built on tradition and friendship. When one becomes a member of a sorority, they pledge themselves to uphold the ideals of the organization and to pass on these values to new members.







left: Kappa Sigma brothers Mike Koffler and Sean Beaty at their semiformal.

top, right: Liz Alfonzetti and Autumn Deatherage, ADPi sisters, become better friends at their 1996 retreat.

WATCHING (AND BIG BROTHER TOO)



Following rush, initiated members and pledges have the opportunity to participate in a Big/Little Sister program. The program is a vital part of a pledge's education. It creates a one-on-one relationship between an initiated member who is committed to the well-being of their pledges. "My big sister is someone whom I can turn to in times of need," says junior Cara Petersen of Kappa Kappa Gamma, "I can trust that she has my best interest at heart." Each pledge is given a big sister to personally support them as they adjust to college and sorority life. A big sister provides answers to the questions and concerns that a pledge may have. She is willing to share her experiences and to guide the pledge as she learns about her sorority.

The process of matching big and little sisters varies differently among sororities. However, the final product is similar— "a friend to spend quality time with and to take and interest in," says sophomore Joanna Goldstein of Sigma Kappa. Most sororities attempt to pair women together who have similar personalities and interests.

The big sister ensures her little sister is aware of sorority events and encourages her to participate. She also ensures that the pledge or new sorority member feels comfortable with all members. A close bond of friendship is often created between a big and little sister. "My most fond memories of college and sorority life are those created with my little sister," says Stacy Bang of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



above: Meryll Feldman gives her big sister, Samantha Yakutiel, her paddle at the Kappa Kappa Gamma Paddle Party.

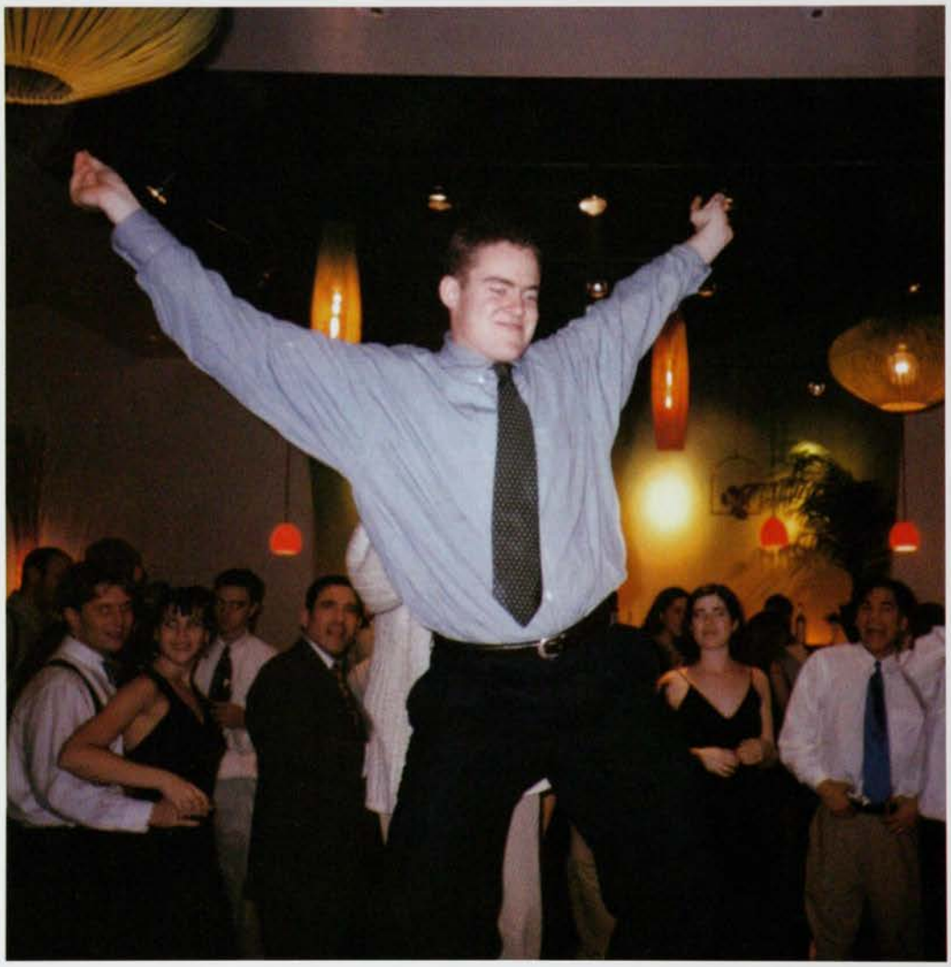
True or False: Greek

by Stacey Shubitz

No matter which group of students choose to join from the plethora of organizations available at GW, they were liable to be branded "this or that" due to their affiliation. Greeks have always been at the center of the branding game as constant stereotypes fell upon them.

Greek students at GW were a vocal minority who held positions in student government, on sports teams, and with honor societies. Greek students were all over campus and involved in a multitude of activities outside of their Greek-letter organizations. GW's Greek community had members working at internships all over DC, cheering at basketball games, and lending a hand with local philanthropies.

Sounds pretty good, right? Greek students were normal contributing members of the GW community. Of course, Greeks knew this all along, but misconceptions, naiveté and stereotypes often fogged up the reality and turned members of Greek-letter organizations into "frat boys" and "sorority girls."



Ryan Langan table dances at the Kappa Sigma semiformal.

Fraternity men at GW were not the overgrown, drunken babies that many assumed them to be. Kappa Sigma brother Scott Horowitz shed some light on the reality of fraternity life. Horowitz told of Greek men whose GPA's surpassed the overall male population's GPA at GW. He spoke of living in an environment where fraternities mix with one another in both classes and in aiding philanthropies. Horowitz said that 25% of Fraternity Cup points come from community service projects that Greeks did to assist local neighborhoods.

Fraternity men, like Sorority women, joined Greek-letter organizations for a multitude of reasons. Delta Gamma sister Lori Melnikoff spoke of a bond with her sisters that went beyond the typical party girl image that people conjured up when thinking of Greeks. In truth, sorority women were hard-working and spent a great deal of time with their chapters to plan philanthropy events to benefit issues like breast cancer and homelessness. Sorority girls were together as a force and were not the ditzy daddy's girls that many people assumed them to be.

There are many famous Greeks in the workforce, like: Joan Lunden, Harrison Ford, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and Simon and Garfunkel. Greek alumni/ae can be found in every area of life, from government to medicine to law. At GW, Greeks had high averages earning them places on the Dean's List. They were not just in line at the liquor store like many chose to believe.

stereotypes are valid.









above: Sigma Kappa Friendships: Marcy Levine, Farra D'Orazio, Brooke Riter, Mia Kulla.
left: Sara Marai, Diane Gayoski, Karen Fernandez at the Kennedy Center.

IFC

Inter-Fraternity Council



Scott Feinman, Dan ZAmijewski, Dave Merson, and Ed Allen

Alpha Eta Chapter on campus since 1995
Flower: Lilly of the Valley
Colors: Scarlet, Green & White
Symbols: Star and Crecent

ΚΣ

Motto: The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by evry man but only by him who is worthy to wear it.
Philanthropy: DC Cares
Cost: $300









top: Brothers Fuimon, McDonough, and Langan and their dates at their semiformal.

bottom: Brothers enjoy spring break in the Bahamas.

top: Brothers prepare for a football game.
bottom: Brothers participate in the basketball throw during Greek Week.



Front Row: David McDonough, Jason Delp, Joe Dunn, Adam Geisler, Andrew Swanson Second Row: Sem Karetny, Rich Gada, Todd Young, Polk Smartt, Brian Ilardi, Carlos Reyes, Ryan Langan, Scott Sowstead, Ryan Johnson Third Row: Doug Berger, Matthew Scwartz, Justin Smolkin, Jason Gratt, David Rudolph, Dan Reilly, Mike Smith, Maher Jofari Fourth Row: Jeffrey Gulko, Sean Beaty, Ben Klein, Dave Burns, Dave Carabetta, Brad Hennings, Mikey Dovberg Not Pictured: Mark Collier, Seth Horowitz, Jon Has, Chris Kirkpatrick, Mike Koffler, Brendan Leary, Jason Levas, Dave Merson, Sid Robinson, Dan Ronner, Ryan Silverman, Will Sparks

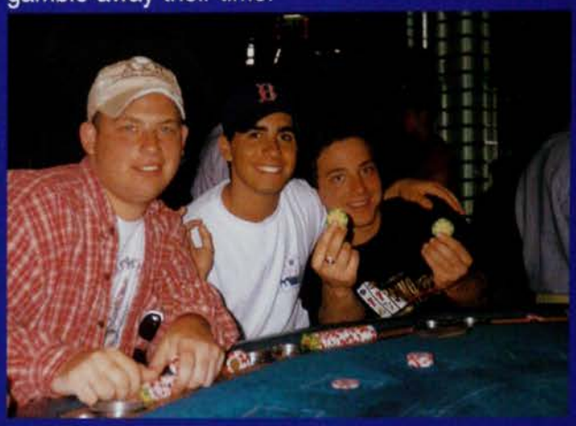
Kappa Deuteron Chapter on Campus since 1947
50th Anniversary on GW's Campus
Colors: Blue & Gold
Symbol: Cofa

ΑΕΠ

Brothers Josh Autenucci, Robby Schlossberg, Jon Freger, Josh Buxbaum, Mark Rosenstein, Scott Feinman and Evan Levy have a great time at dinner.



Ian Schafer, Josh Buxbaum and Scott Feinman gamble away their time.





front row: Gary Reshetsky, Jeff Wiener, Eric Kaufman, Jay Pautaleo, Steve Godschalk, David Drykerman, Brian Rich, Steve Padersky, Brad Jacobs, Phil Lavie, Adam Pletter
second row: David Schnurman, Andy Cohen, John Reiss, Mike Gilman, Steve Cohn, Eran Levy, Adam Deringer
third row: Mike Abraham, Ari Rairetz, David Drykerman, Jed Maslott, Adam Smallow, Scott Feinman, Jeff Greenblatt
fourth row: Dan Schnapp, Rich Newman, Adam Brodsky, Jeff Bruno, Mark Rosenstein, Damian McKenna, Chad Gordon, Greg Gargulinski, Scott Anzel
back row: Erik Kroner, Karem Sabet, David Eicthes, Zan Schafer, Jauret Lewis, Josh Buxbaum, Gregg Spiegelman, Gerry Saehs, Jon Freger

ΑΕΠ

Philanthropy: Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club of Washington D.C.
Cost: $360/ semster for pledges
$320/ semester for brothers



Dressed to Impress: Scott Feimae, Scott Glasgold, Evan Levy, Damian McKenna, Adam Smallow, Mike Gilman, Mike Abraham.

below: Evan Levy, Mike Gilman, Josh Buxbaum, Greg Gargulinski, Chad Gordon, Scott Anzel, David Eitches enjoy the sunshine and the shore.



Evan Levy, Scott Lurie, Matt Rosenblume, Chad Gordon, Steve Weissman, Steve Cohn, Alex Adler, Larry Glassberg, Greg Gargulinski, and Brian Rosenblume sit around at the Smith Center.



Officers

President: David Eitches
Vice President: Evan Levy
Exchequer: Steven Cohn
Rush Chairman: Michael Abraham
Pledge Masters: Karim Sabet
Adam Smallow
Scribe: Jed Maslow
Brother at Large: Ian Schafer
Social Chairman: Hal Kanefsky

Epsilon Chapter on campus since 1864
Flower: White Rose
Colors: Blue & Old Gold
Symbol: Cross

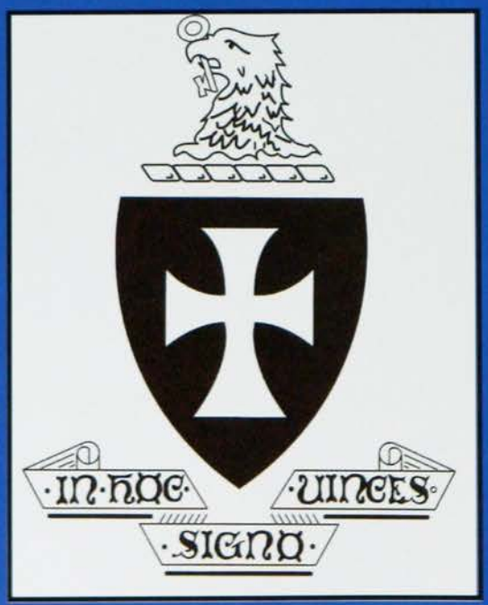
ΣX

Motto: In hot signo vinces
Philanthropy: Childrens Miracle Network
Cost:$300/ semester for pledges
$325/ semester for brothers









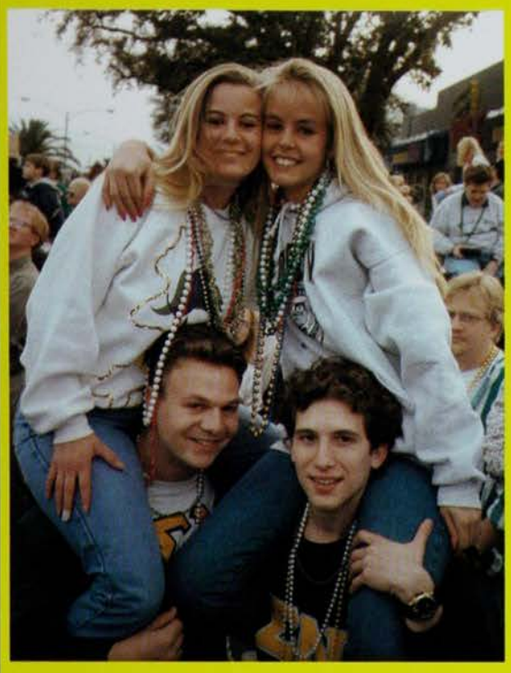


Delta Pi Chapter on campus since 1915
Flower: White English Floribunda
Colors: Black, White & Gold
Symbol: Serpent

ΣN

Philanthropy: National Kidney Foundation, SIDS
Cost: $90/ semester for pledges
$220/ semester for brothers

Officers
President: Jason Roach
Vice President: John Platner
Treasurer: Sidney Clark
Pledge Marshal: Colin Gold
Recorder: Gregory Belkin
Chaplain: Ethan Baumfeld
Rush Chairman: Kevin Cooper
Alumni Chairman: Michael Dillon
Social Chairman: Aaron Salik









Founded at GW 1989
Colors: Garnet & Gold
Philanthropy: St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Cost:

ΠΚΑ

right: Adrian Crode, Dan Zmijewski, Ryan Taylor, Prescott Pohl, Lance Rothenberg, Allan Chipps enjoy their party.
below: Matt Wagman, Allan Chipps, Lance Rothenberg hang around together.











ΠΚΑ



Officers
President: Lance Rothenberg
Vice President: Dan Zmijewski
Vice President: Joe Vadakkekara
Treasurer: Prescott Pohl
Secratary: Brad Shafran
Sgt. at Arms: Harris Newman



Chapter on campus since 1897
Flower: Red Carnation
Colors: Black, White and Blue
Symbol:Ox

ΘΔX

Motto: Friendship founded on mutual esteem & dependence
Philanthropy: Adopt a School and ΘΔX ParaRelays
Cost: $325/ semester for pledges
$ 200/ semester for brothers



Contestants line up at the starting line for a Theta Delta Chi Pararelays event.



right: Wally Jumat



far right: Dave Soutter officiates at the Theta Delta Chi Pararelays



The members of Theta Delta Chi, Fall 1996

Chapter on campus since 1935
Flower: Red Carnation
Color: Cherry and Grey
Symbol: Equilateral Triangle

TKE

Motto: Love, Charity and Esteem
Philanthropy: Special Olympics
Cost: $195/semester for pledges
$225/semester for brothers









Black Tie Preferred

By Mike Weaver



Fraternity and sorority formals were a chance for members of the Greek community to have some fun as each semester came to an end. Every fraternity and sorority on campus had a semi-formal and formal during the course of the academic year. Usually semi-formals were held during the Fall semester. Many times semi-formals had themes, such as Sigma Chi's Holiday Party which was held in their house in December. Semi-formals were held in any number of locations, including local hotels and fraternity houses or local clubs, such as the Bank, where Kappa Kappa Gamma held their semi-formal in 1996.

Semi-formals were much more relaxed than the Spring formals. Dinner was not normally served at semi-formals. Many couples went to dinner in groups before the event. The Fall semi-formal was normally held in the last few weeks of the semester. With so many fraternities and sororities, scheduling was sometimes be a problem. It is the usual custom for the Social Chairmen of the chapters to find out when the other chapters are holding their events, so as to avoid overlapping events.



The formal, as its name implies, were a much more serious event. Formals were usually held during the Spring semester, but not always. For instance, Delta Gamma held their formal in the Fall, and semi-formal in the Spring. Traditionally, the formals were held in a local hotel. The Embassy Suites Hotel and Hyatt were popular places to hold formals. However, some chapters did travel a distance and make an entire weekend out of their annual formal. Alpha Epsilon Phi traveled to Ocean City, Maryland, to hold their

formal. With the beach directly outside the hotel and an indoor ice skating rink, everyone had a blast.

Formals required strictly black tie of the men and elegant evening wear of the women. Dinner was normally provided at the hotel. After dinner, hours of music were provided while everyone danced. During formals, awards were normally given to outstanding members, and new officers were installed. Like semi-formals, many formals had a traditional theme, such as the White Rose formal of Sigma Nu.

The semi-formals and formals of the Greek community were enjoyed by all who attended during the 1996-1997 school year. It was a chance for members to gather together to celebrate their achievements over the past semester. It was one of the few times during the year that the vast majority of chapter members were together with a common goal to have a good time.



above:The Sigma Kappa sisters pose for their group photo at their Formal.
below: Kappa Sigma Brothers and their dates enjoy the semiformal.



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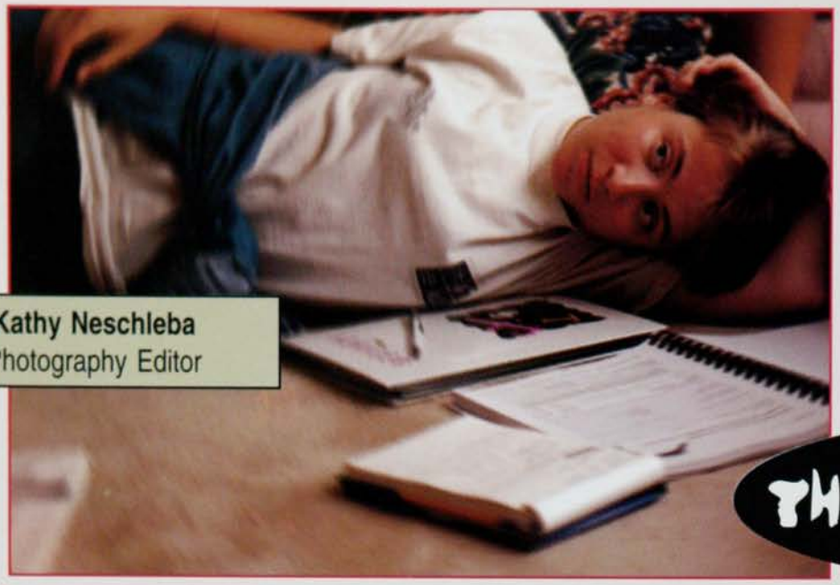








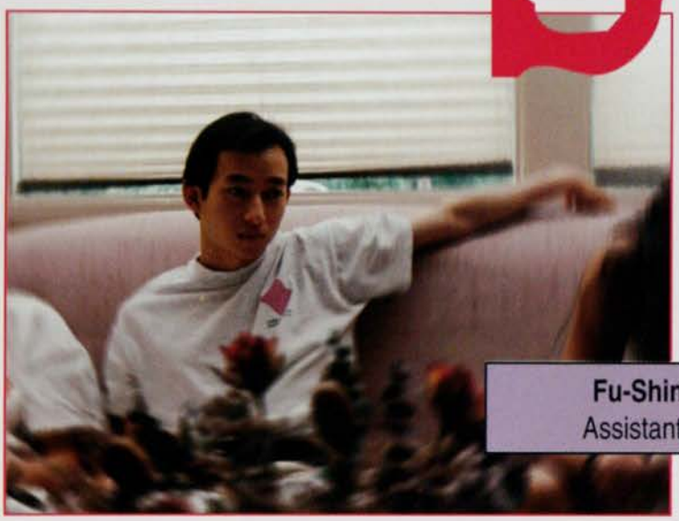




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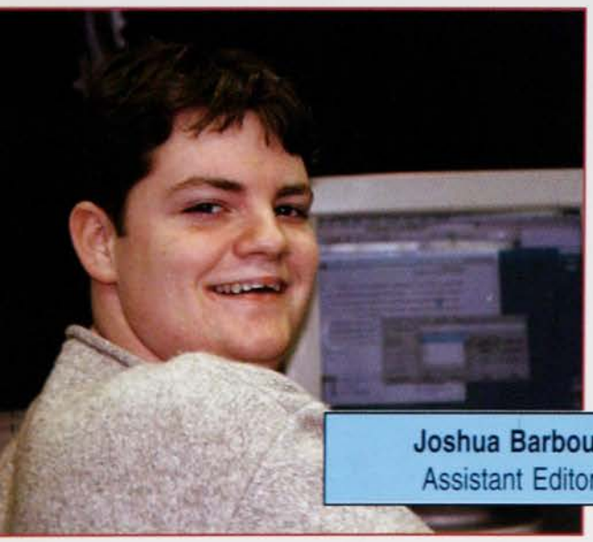
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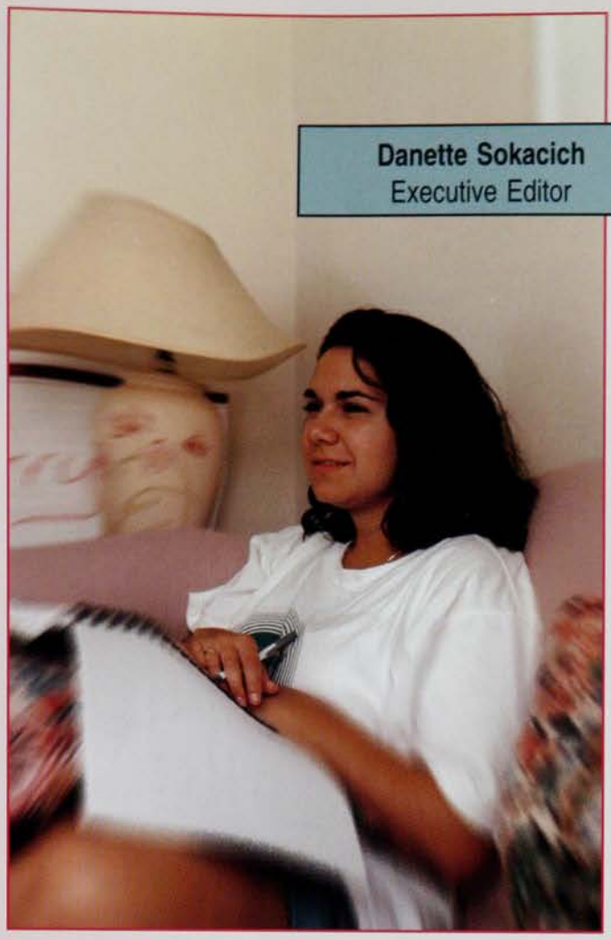
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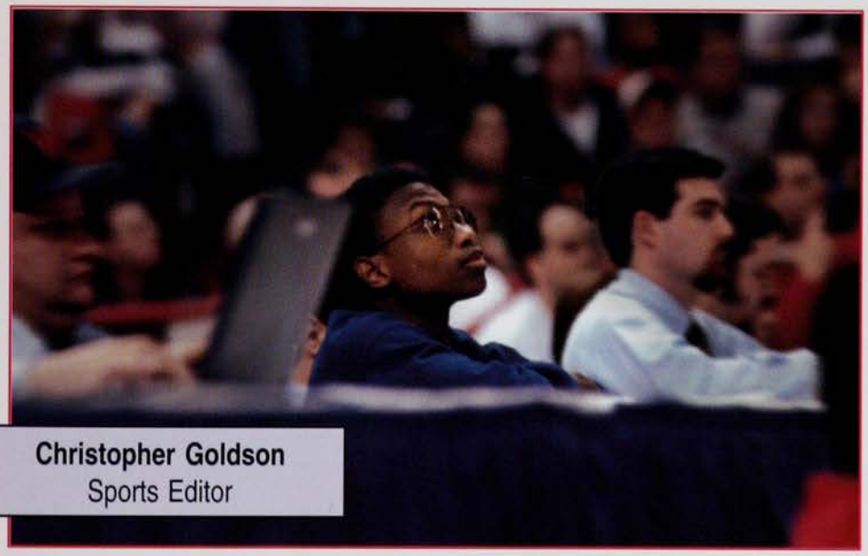


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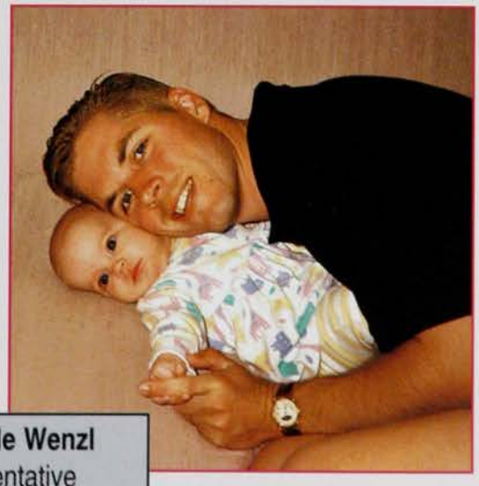
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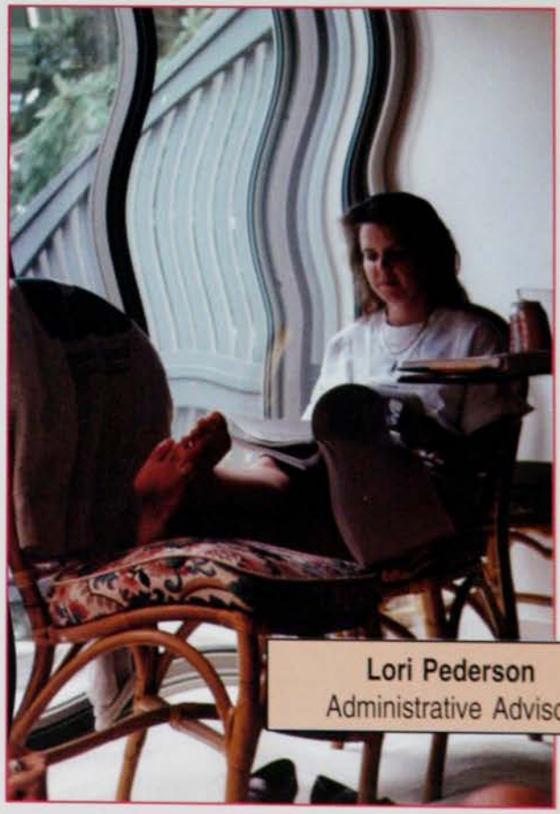
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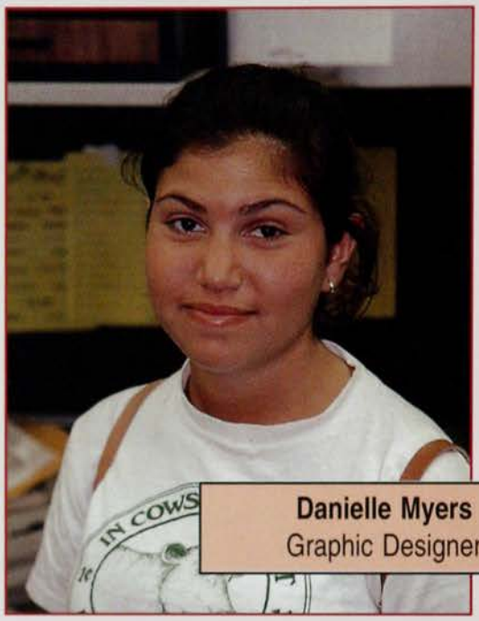
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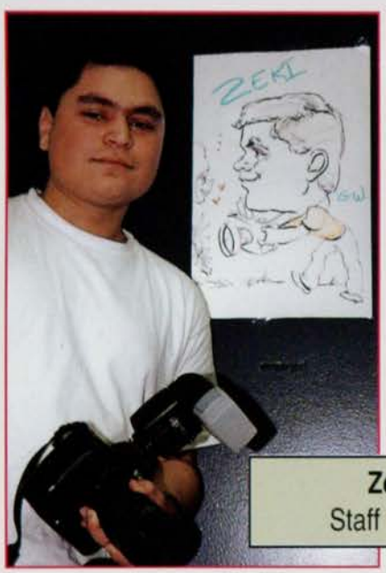
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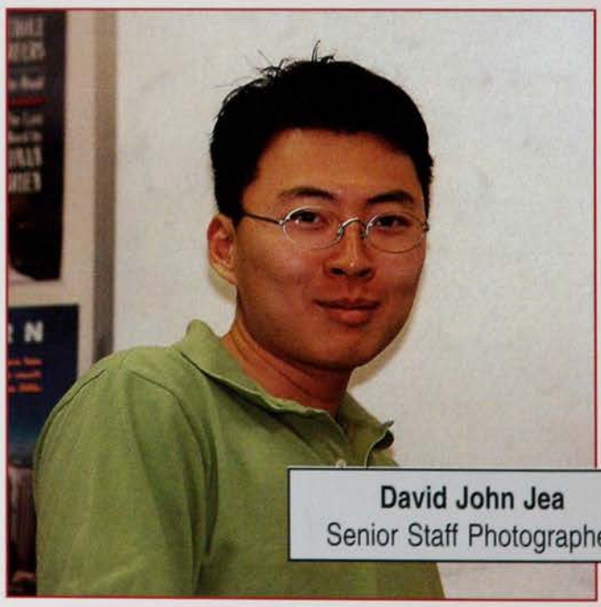




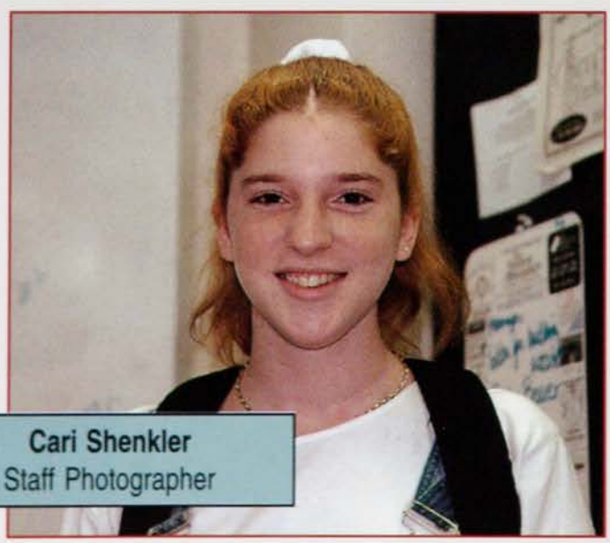
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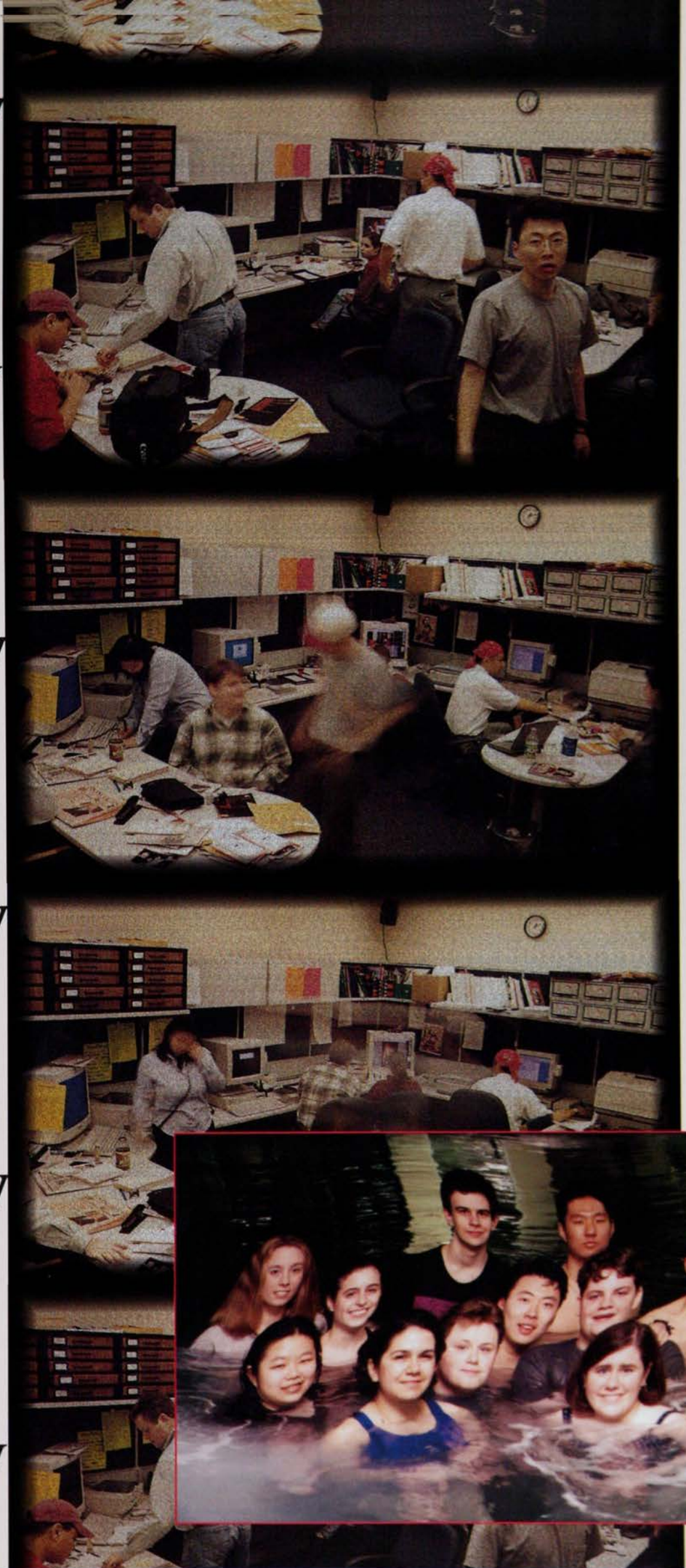


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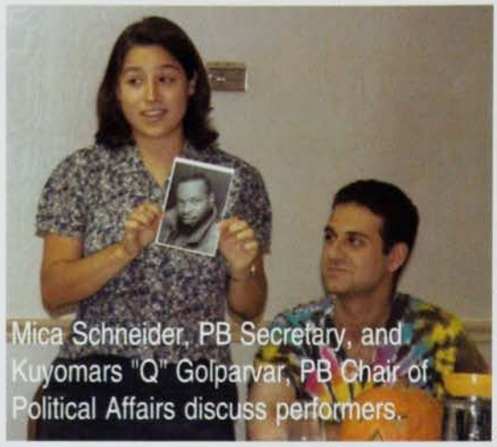


Akosua Walker and Chanler Langham help paint the residence halls.

While all the students organization offices were being renovated, the Program Board was busy providing the GW community with much of its campus life. PB members were responsible for planning and executing major student events, like Fall Fest, Religion Month, and Homecoming. The events were not only entertaining. We tried to gear some of the programs toward awareness and education as well.

Through their committees and general body meetings, this student-run organization was able to coordinate well over two-hundred events. Through an aggressive corporate sponsorship campaign, over $25,000 worth of prizes were raffled off at events. And, as part of the surge in technology, the official PB web page was introduced as another method of event publicity. The PB also co-sponsored a number of events including the Student Leadership Conference, a "Spin the Globe" cultural show, Colonial Madness, and a graduate student BBQ.

Through the hard work and dedication of volunteers, over 20,000 people will have enjoyed the various events sponsored by the Program Board.



Mica Schneider, PB Secretary, and Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, PB Chair of Political Affairs discuss performers.



Front Row Jenna Harju, Jennifer Vento, Thanh Nguyen, Cari Shenkler, Subha Chandar
Middle Row Lori Pederson, Omar Ashmawy, Mica Schneider, Erica Tramuta, Celina Glazer, Rodney Jay C. Salinas, Liza Ackerman, Jill Hasegawa, Mei-i Zien
Back Row Jennifer Witriol, Michael Jewsbury, Kathy Weil, Jason Toney, Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, Stacie Spiegel, Megan Kruse, Ben Mayers, Aparna Ramakrishnan, Heather Mathews, Adrienne Casey, Mary Lister, Brian Nathanson, Asher Porat, Serena Barnes, Patrick Lincoln



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Mary Lister, PB Chair of Graduate Affairs, Jason Toney, PB Chair of Multicultural Affairs, and Kathleen Bolton, PB's Graduate Adviser, chat at the PB's day-retreat to Baltimore.



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"Hippo expects the Pack to stay hot"

"Unlucky Hippo hopes Week 13 will get him back on winning track"

Green Bay gives Hippo a break, but will the Ravens?



Layout Designer Margaret Magee works on the next issue.

"Hand Me the Hatchet, Please"

The *GW Hatchet* has served the University community as the official newspaper since 1904. The paper has reported the goings-on of its surrounding community. This year's Editor in Chief, Jared Sher, led a staff of over 30 students as well as many freelance writers. The newspaper reported on many memorable events and stories, painting a picture of the environment which we were all a part of during our stint as students this year. Their reporting of the controversy surrounding the sneakers in the tree in front of the Delta Tau Delta house and election coverage are well-remembered by students.

By Angelena Abate

SNAP

Student Network Admissions Program, or SNAP, was funded by GW's Office of Undergraduate Admissions and was co-coordinated by Andrea Snyder and Rob Miller during the 1996- 1997 school year. SNAP's purpose was to provide GW undergrads with the opportunity to activity promote their University to perspective students. I'm sure we all remember the phone call, "Do you have any questions about GW?" SNAP also allowed students the opportunity to interact in person with perspective students by coordinating weekend stays at the dorms.

SNAP.'s two most visible events during the school year were Open House and Colonial Challenge. With approximately 150 members, 60 of whom are active, SNAP members represented almost all of the 83 majors at GW.



Front Row: Becky Sloviter, Rob Miller (Co-Coordinator), Andrea Snyder (Co-Coordinator), Niki Speulda, Erin Ward. Middle Row: Jen Saionz, Amanda Shaffer, Robin Moses, Esteer Engstrom, Deanna Helstrom, Kim Kessler, Mary Ann McYat, Steven Mandlebaum. Back Row: Courtney Horowitz, Alan Gruber, Matt Kolodny, Travis Nesbitt, Jonathan Nurse.



Becky Sloviter makes telephone calls to prospective students to answer any questions they may have about GW.



Robin Moses, Mary Ann McYat, Jonathan Nurse, and Travis Nesbitt call admitted students to congratulate them.



Front Row: Julia Sugg, Erin Ward, Jennifer Battista, Heather Clapp, Rachel Mandelman. Middle Row: Eryn Klein, Eric Lee, Eliza Thompson, Kevin Gillooly, David Smith, Darrell Villaruz, Lori Gecik, Bryan Stoller, Sheandra Clark. Back Row: Jim Duncan, Julie Hay, Hannah Eskridge, Heath Einstein, Robert Miller, Lonnie Giamela, Travis Nesbitt, Suzanne Matwyshen, Rebecca Treloar, Courtney Cooley, Megan Rowley, Laura Ware, Soraya Taabibi.



Front Row: Ana Tuya, Claire Decoteau, Todd Fine, Shana Greatman, Friona Rees. Back Row: Jason Miller, Matthew Zierler, Kristen Waucer, Anthony Arcieri, Jasmine Koscielski, Dawn Butorac, Andrea Snyder, Andrea Staerton, Lisa Ann Hollett, Tosh Savage, Kevin Eckstrom.



Front Row: Rachel Rosenblum, Suzanne D. Dick, Tara McDonough, Kavita Patel. Back Row: Ruth Anne Daiuna, Eric Adelman, Jill Hasegawa, Jennifer Connell, Jonathan Nurse, Steven Mandelbaum, R. Cary Einhaus.

When you applied to The George Washington as a high school senior, you probably paid a visit to the campus. During the visit, you probably took a tour of the school's grounds and facilities guided by a STAR.

No, you were not guided by some bright light or by someone owning three mansions in Beverly Hills. You were guided by a Student Admissions Representative, so cleverly abbreviated as STAR.

STAR was a branch of the Admissions Office. Because they were connected to admissions, their mission was much the same: to recruit potential students by providing interested high school students and transfer students with tours of the campus, with bus tours and with information sessions. STAR also organized various receptions, and special tours for groups of students.

With Suzanne Dick, GW's assistant director of admissions, and STAR's new advisor, the group saw an increase in visitors of over 40 percent during the 1996-1997 school year. What were the crowning achievements of Dick's regime? Well, STAR members provided tours all year round (yes, even in the sub-zero January weather). They also participated in Family Weekend's Open House and Spring Visit by giving tours to curious students and their parents.

During the 1996-1997 school year, STAR had about 100 members — 75 percent women, 25 percent men. Most members were degree candidates of the Colombian School. However, they also had members from ESIA, SEAS, and SBPM. According to senior member Courtney Mikoryak, she joined because she loved her experience as a student at GW and wanted to share why she loved it with others: "STAR was a great opportunity to improve my public speaking skills,and it was a great way to meet lots of people!"

By Angelena Abate





The Korean Student Association (KSA) has served the GW community for more than 30 years. However, under the leadership of CEO Jae-Seong Choi and a dedicated staff, the KSA at The George Washington University enjoyed a progressive year .

The KSA organized many quality events ranging from scouting visits from the Samsung Corporation to stress relieving paintball retreats. Such events not only serviced the Korean and Korean-American population but also brought their vibrant cultural identity to campus. The Korean Student Association proved to be a unique and notable color in the spectrum of GW's multi-ethnic rainbow.



Scenes from the 5th annual Korean Friendship Night at Lisner Auditorium.

Korean Student Association

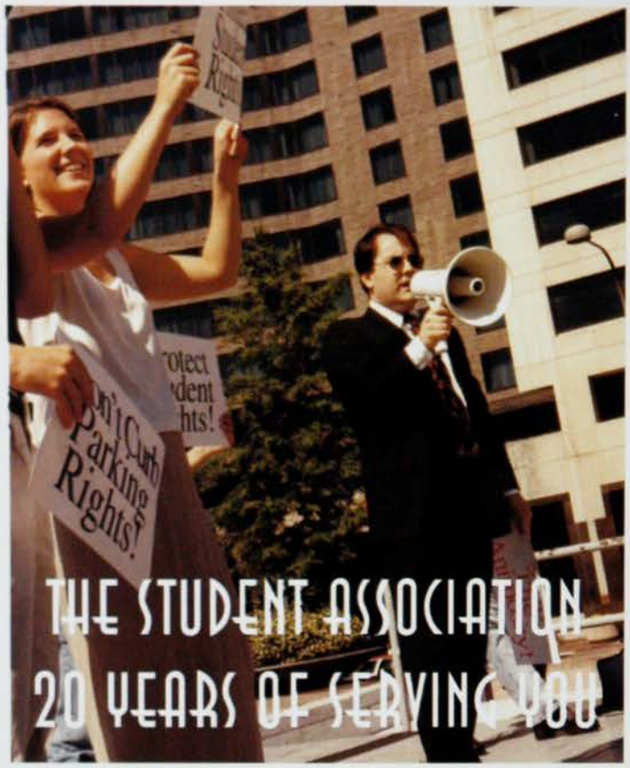


Jae-Seong Cho, CEO of the KSA, delivers the opening address at the 5th Annual Korean Friendship Night.

Susan Yoon, GW's representative at the 11th annual Korean American Conference, discusses Korean-American issues with a peer.



Members enjoy fun and games at the 1996 Fall KSA picnic.





Student Association (SA) President Damian McKenna was probably the most recognized man on campus this year. This year's Student Association was very busy trying to further its mission: to foster students' rights and responsibilities and to establish channels of communication within the University. The SA also worked to promote the general welfare of the students and the student organizations, as well as to cultivate interest in activities on campus. What were the SA's most successful and outstanding events this year?

The Book Exchange, Issues Awareness Night, and The George Washington CD release were among the SA's top three. The Book Exchange took place during the first week of the spring semester. Not only did students have the opportunity to save money, but they also received a better price for their books than what they would have received from the bookstore. Issues Awareness Night was an event which educated students about the repercussions of date rape and alcohol. The event featured student actors from the Peer Education Theater, as well as an audience discussion with keynote speaker, Katie Koestner, a victim of date rape during her freshmen year at college. Since then, Koestner has been an activist on the subject. Aside from the more intense issues on campus, the SA sponsored the first-ever GW CD. The CD featured GW student groups such as The Troubadours, Recess, and The University Singers.

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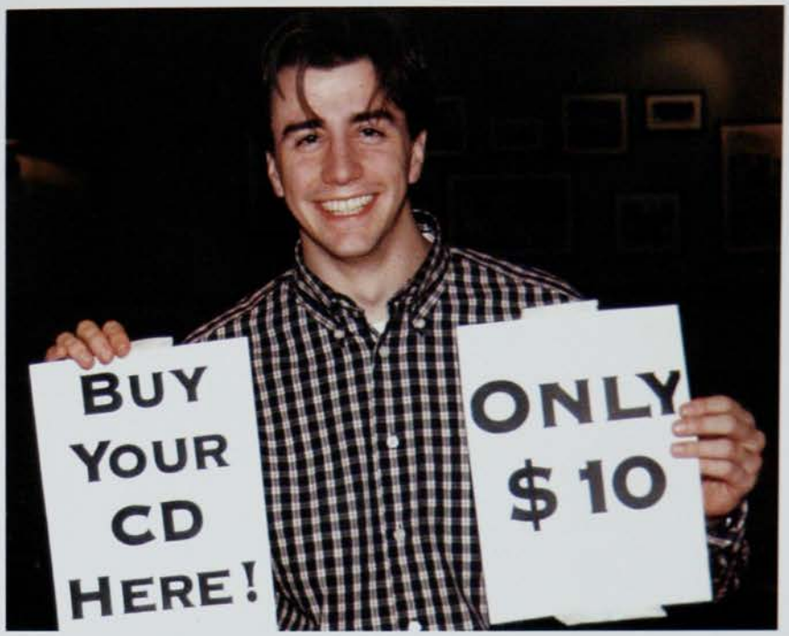
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Peter Kim — ESIA - undergraduate
Emily Passeri — SBPM - undergraduate
Nick Cohen — SMHS
Brian King — graduate-at-large
Carrie Potter — CSAS - undergraduate
Greg Curvan — SMHS
Jason Miller — ESIA - undergraduate
Lance Rothenberg - CSAS - undergraduate
Danilelle Fidler - graduate-at-large
Barbara Mosseau — SEHD - graduate
Frank Vitolo — law school
Shana Greatman — undergraduate-at-large
Randy Papadopoulos — CSAS - graduate
Rich Wilkie — SBPM - graduate
Scott Haggard — SBPM - graduate
Sergio Yanes — SEAS - undergraduate



Dianne Gayoski works diligently on Senate issues in her newly renovated office.

GW University Band



The GW Band had an eventful year, playing at a DC United Soccer game, all men's and women's home basketball games and several basketball tournaments. The Pep Band, under the direction of Prof. Ben Fritz,

Director of Bands, Ben Fritz, and Ashley Hogan, Assistant Conductor, traveled to the Franklin National Bank Classic at USAir Arena, the Men's Atlantic 10 Tournament in Philadelphia, and the Women's NCAA Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight in Columbia, South Carolina. The band also serenaded Smith Center patrons when GW hosted the Women's Atlantic 10 and the Women's NCAA.

The University Symphonic Band performed two public concerts in Lisner Auditorium, one during the fall semester and the second in the spring. The Wind Ensemble also held concerts in Lisner. Col. Brian Shelbourne of the US Army Band was a guest conductor for the Wind Ensemble's fall concert. The Wind Ensemble honored President Trachtenberg when he received the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award at an award's presentation at the Washington Hyatt.





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Opposite Page: The Pep Band plays outside J Street during Parent's Weekend.
Left: The Hippo is serenaded by the Pep Band at one of their many appearances on Parent's Weekend.
Top Left: The GW Band shows their support for the Men's Basketball team on the way to the Franklin National Bank Classic.
Top Right: The GW Band earns some "Respect" at Parent's Weekend.



Photo: Zeki Gokce

African Americans United Front Row Terri Barnes, Martha Evans, Latisha Shows Back Row Christina Evans, Jermaine Chistian, Stuart Washington

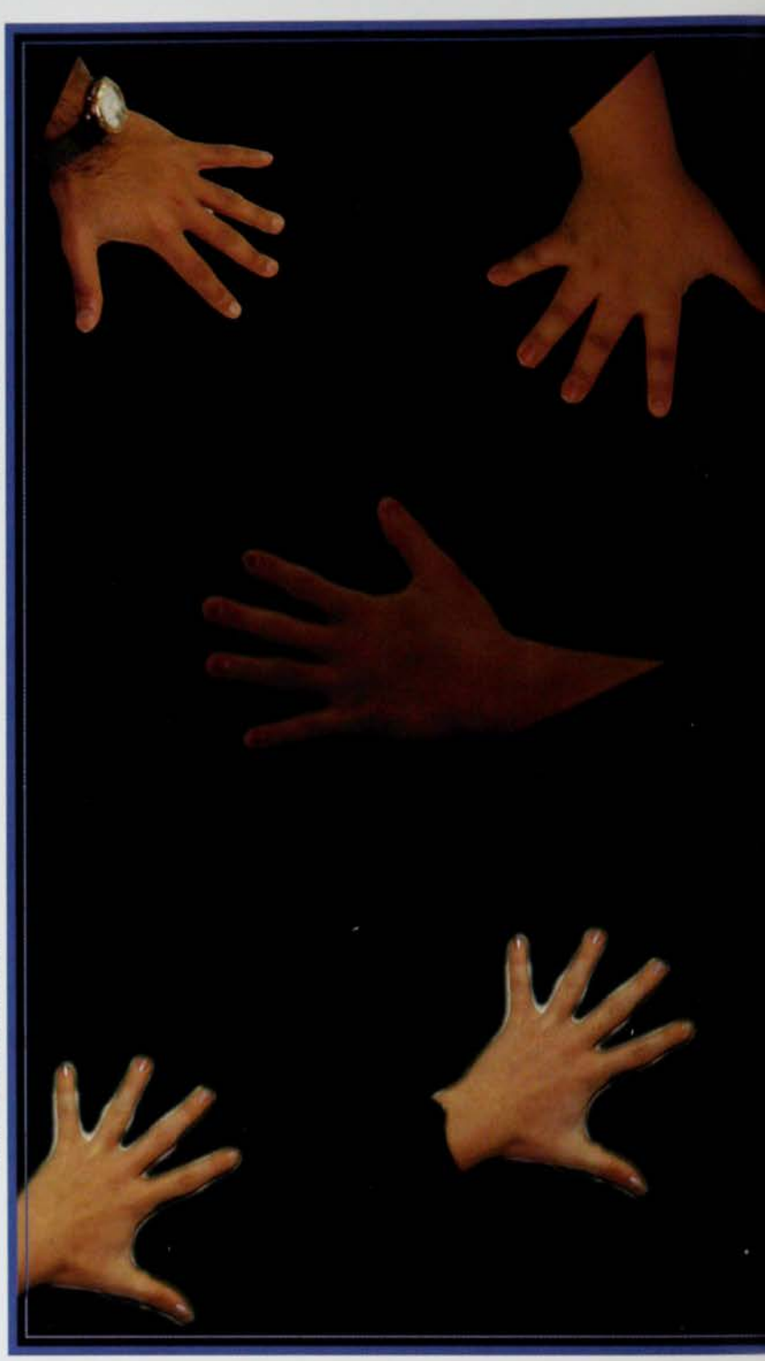




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Alpha Phi Omega Front Row Bill Giasi, Cari Shenkler, Jennifer Lee Middle Row Michael Murphy, Jenni Stauffacher, Leslie Young, Elaine Schack Back Row Kendra Chase, Meghan Hartman, Lisa Zweibach, Pat Scuderi, Erin Heilbrunn, Melissa McElroy



Photo: H.I. Poe

Arab Club Front Row Shady Taha-Representative, Ahmed Abu-louze-Representative, Mona Mahmoud-Vice President Middle Row Izzat Sabieh-Treasurer, Ramzi Dalbah-President, Jena-Vice President Back Row Rasha, Mahaba Alwazir-Secretary, Raied



Photo: Christopher Robles

ASCE-American Society of Civil Engineers Mohamed Nour, Scott Keenan, Juan Tenze, Miriam Kronisch, Chan Tin, Bob Brown, Daniel Betts, Erica Eva Carr

How Diverse is GW?

When the presidents of universities all over the U.S. got together at their "work" meetings in Aruba and the Cayman Islands, I wonder if they talked about diversity. For whatever reason, diversity has become a top priority at most schools.

Of course the question arises -- How does The George Washington compare to the rest? The answer is, not too bad. According to the 1996 statistics found on the *Chronicle of Higher Education*'s World Wide Web page, the national undergraduate averages are as follows: Women 55.4%, minorities 24.6%, and international students 3.2%. GW adheres closely to the national averages with 55% female and 25% minority enrollment. When it comes to international students, though, GW excels the national averages with 605 students,or 9% of the student body.

From a numbers standpoint, GW is quite diverse, but one freshman raised an interesting question: "GW may have more international and minority students, but I would measure diversity by how these groups interact. A more appropriate question might be, 'Is GW culturally divided?" GW, as a university, tries to mix its students by assisting forty-plus multicultural student organizations and by organizing events like International Week to open GW students to each other's cultures. One sophomore in the Elliot School of International affairs answered the question, 'How diverse is GW?' best by saying, "Sure. At least in my experience, GW has offered an atmosphere that encourages people to talk about their cultures. Beyond that, learning about other cultures is the students' choice."

By Joshua Barbour



Photo: H.I. Poe

Asian American Christian Fellowship Front Row Cathy Ryu, Insik Kim, Sun Mee, David Roh, Stan Bak, Mark Oh, Vieng Wong Back Row Ji Young Kim, Hyun Kim, Jung Kang, Seung Oh, Jim Lee, Shin Ho Lee, Steve Bak Not Pictured Angela Kim, Julie Lee, Louis Luangkesom, Tae Kim, Raymond Cho



Photo: Cari Shenkler

Baptist Student Union Front Row Jeff Boulier Back Row Elizabeth Elliot, Caroleann Troutt, Erin Basham, Stacey Barros-Campus Minister

Rows of Light

Deepawali, also known as Diwali, is a festival of lights celebrated by the Hindus and Jains of India. During this joyous time, rows (wali) of lights (deepa) in clay pots and beautiful brass ornaments are lit by people celebrating the festival. Firecrackers and sparklers fill the sky as people exchange sweets and good cheer, and children receive gifts.

The religious significance of "light" is interpreted by both religions as divinity overcoming ignorance or, more simply, good overcoming evil. The Indian Students Association celebrated Diwali this year with a dinner and cultural show that was held on November 15. The festivities included traditional Indian artforms, like classical Indian dance in Bharatanatyam style, and a performance of the tabla, one of India's percussion instruments.

by Sapna Pandya



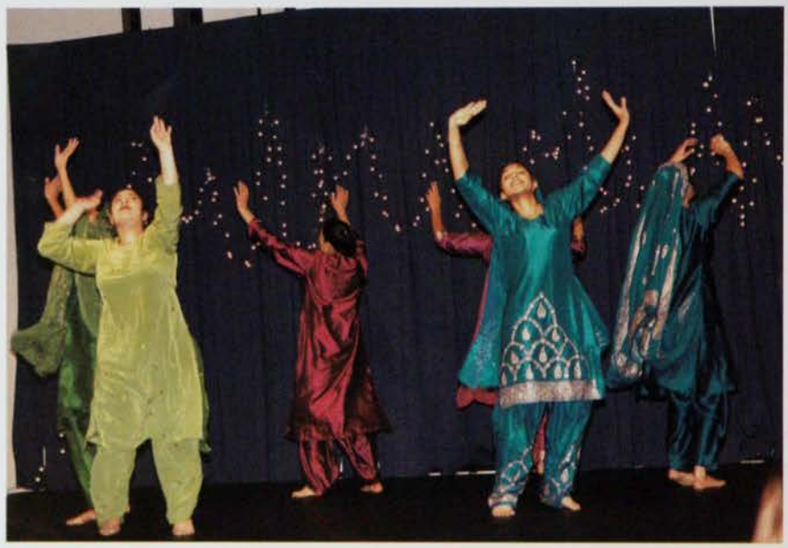






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Beta Alpha Psi First Row Ryan Cupersmith, Christian Motsay, Kristie Gackenheimer, Andrew Lewis Second Row Therese Davis, Terri Barnes, Sylvia Vizcarra, Sabina Drubetsky, Nasim Poushoushtari, Jonathan Reiss, Donna Strawss, Karalee Turcotte Third Row Carry Grant, Ayo Adenuya, Ethel Tan, Hassan Bahedeela, Lee Calvert, Obay Kahala, John Link, Blaine Atkissoon Fourth Row Ashley Hollingsworth, Ed Repkong, Darrick Akiyama, Collen McCrea, Saab Dash, Jeff Koven Fifth Row Karyn Whitman, Joe Vadakkekara, Darren Glatt, Steve Katz, Emily Passeri, Holly Azia, Peter Sherman



Photo: Steve Kim

Black Business Association Damon Darnell Williams, Jocelyn Yankey, Michele Charles, Garnie Ayanlaja, Akousa Walker, Alison McMeans, Regian Brewton, Chasity N. Myers, James Allen, Jr.





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Chinese Student Association Front Row Jinjin Yan, Jun Li, Jean Ye, Fang Zhang, Lei Yaw, Caiyi Lang, Xue Meng Hai, Wengong Wang



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C.A.R.P. - Collegiate Association for the Research of Principle Minobu Sato, Ihsan Dogrusoz, Michael Grunel, Kimiko Tekumaru, Maya Shimizu, Tomeko Aoki, Danzel Krienbuehl, Herman Drost, Bjorn Nyseter



Photo: Cari Shenkler

Bridge Club Front Row Kate Seiver Middle Row Matthew Deatherage, Douglas Parker, Peter Trukeltaub III Back Row Scott Dubow, Lawrence Pearson, Patrick Sinclair



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Brotherhood of British Comedy Joe Hourcle, Jason Meyers, Justin Chan



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Circle K Front Row PJ Magpantay, Mary Ann McYat, Jaime Libes, Camellia Racu, Reid Novotny, Rebecca Interbartolo, Katherine Salmon, Rupal Mody Back Row Michi Kanno, Theresa Bui, Oscar Jovel, Fred Sakai, Katie Davis, Bhoomi Branmbhatt, Steve Goldsmith

It's recess time







Photo: Zeki Gokce

College Democrats Front Row Martin Morris, Alexis Rice, Marc Sheller, Megan Anninziata Middle Row Adam Green, Doug Miner, Brandon Sulser, Joshua Saltzman, Annelisa Schmidt Back Row Shruti Dete, Tanya Karimi, Aaron Myers, Elizabeth Carriger, Doug Burt, Patrick Lincoln, Marc Nathan, Lisa Bates, Sheandra Clark, Jessia Ginsberg



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Colonial Ambassadors Front Row Sarah Namias, Eileen Stehman, Rachel Bresnick, Lisa Morrow, Mindy Yang, Adina Schyman, Kristin Jenkins, Anita Siegfriedt, Eva Price, Jaime Brancato, Susannah Crane, Amy Caplan, Michelle Perez Back Row Teresa Antonucci, Jeremy Spector, T.J. BeMent, Marc Greenfield, Eric Jones, Suffian Suboh, Geoffrey Sherr, Alexander Laster



Photo: Mei-I Zen

CORE First Row Christine L. Zemina, Courtney Monie, Ann Guetierrez, Maura Neuman, Carrie Meffert, Ivan Arlaub Second Row Mica Schneider, Susie Crane, Jennifer Robertson, Sabrina Linquist, Annie Nguyen, Cady Berkel, Katie McGolldrick, Courtney Pace, Andrea Jeff, Lisamarie LoCricchio, Jamie Libes Third Row David Smith, John Dileo, Doug Olson, Dan Kaniewski, Katie McGuiness, Tasmine Engriessi

The Cast and Crew: Matt Flanagan, Herschel Bleefeld, Ptolemy Slocum, Chris Himes Brian Coleman, Raina Kay, Rebecca Mason, and Hillary Winston.









Photo: Mei-i Zien

Crawford Hall Council Justin Lavella, Christina Thriuvathukal, Angie Giancarlo, Kathryn Montgomery



Photo: Max Sederer

Debate Team Front Row Dag Vega, Nick Ebinger, Blaine Scofield, Roxanne DeFrancesco Back Row Paul Roe, Nick Krupa, Jessica Laney, Michel Francisco Not Pictured KayAnn Panagi, Ellen Panagi, Nathan Broshear, Suzanne Bradis, Sean Oliva, Andrew Stevens, Jeremy Snyder, Eric Klien, Brian Schoeneman, Ramaya Vivekanandan, Resaha Shah, Sergio Yanes



GW's Leading Lady:

Before the 1996 fall semester began, Lori Pederson was given a new title — Director of Campus Activities. Many people knew Lori, or at least knew her face. But, what is her story? Lori told me in an interview —

CTY: What was your title before you became director?

LP: I began working at GW in July of 1989 as Manager of Marvin Center Events. Since then, I have been the Program Coordinator, the Assistant Director of Campus Activities and until last September, I was the Interim Director.

CTY: How did you become involved with GW?

LP: Networking!!

CTY: When did you decide you wanted to work with GW's students and college students in general?

LP: When I was in college, I worked in student government— I was the representative from my University to the Association of College Unions International. I grew up in Southern California, and I wanted to experience a different kind of environment. So, I came to D.C., and here I am.

CTY: What are your duties as Director?

LP: Well, I do it all. No, really, I advise the Program Board, The Cherry Tree, and other student organizations as well as organize university-wide events including Welcome Week, Colonial Inauguration, and summer programs. I also oversee the entire Campus Activities office. Wow, I do a lot!

CTY: How do you stay informed with the wants and needs of the students?

LP: I talk to them. I go to tons of student organization meetings and see students every day in my office. Oh, and there's all the phone calls. I don't ask They tell me!

CTY: What do you love and hate about your job?

LP: Well, I guess I love working with students and watching them develop the skills they'll need when they graduate— no, I do love that, I'm still here right? Hate? Paperwork and the bureaucracy!

CTY: Who is the easiest and the hardest person to work with?

LP: My immediate staff because they're always there for me. Some days they drive me a little crazy, but



Photo: Carl Shenkler

Disabilities Resource Association Hassan Bahadeela, Margarel Bauman, Brennan Sullivan-President, Sarah Stanfield, Angie Daigle, Anthony Rizzuto



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Earthwell Front Row Nicole X. Kibert Second Row Bonnie, Aunt Edna, Lou Miller, Rachel Mason Third Row Erika Pascale Back Row Micaela Foec

Up Close with Lori Pederson

I still love em'. Jason Chautin, *The Cherry Tree*'s Editor in Chief, is definitely the hardest to work with. Just kidding, Jason.

CTY: What is your fondest memory of a GW event you assisted with?

LP: The first year we produced Night in the Marvin Center. It was in 1990. I guess I remember it so well because it was the first time I saw students really come together and work as a team. That's why I love this job.

CTY: Which event would you rather forget?

LP: The Coolio concert we sponsored in December of 1995. He was such a pain to work with and very rude to the students. Then he walked off the stage with a far from sold -ut crowd before him.

CTY: Are the events you help to coordinate fun for you to attend or is it all work no play?

LP: Events are usually pretty fun but, sometimes they are more stressful than anything else.

CTY: How much free time do you have?

LP: Not much. At least three days a week I'm here until 10 p.m. That's not too fun. But, lately, I've been coming in between 9 and 10 a.m., instead of 8 a.m.—that makes it easier.

CTY: What's the personal trait you think best assists you in your performance as Director?

LP: Hmm, patience.

CTY: Which trait hurts you the most?

LP: I over-commit myself to the students and their events.

CTY: Where did you go to college and what did you get your degree in?

LP: California State University at Northridge—I got my degree in Psychology. Then I did my Masters in Human Resource Development at GW.

CTY: Is this what you want to do for the rest of your professional career, and is this what you envisioned yourself doing when you graduated?

LP: I knew I would be working with students. That's what I like to do. Is this my life's work? Honestly, I don't know. I don't want to pigeon-hole myself. For now, this is what I'm doing.



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Global Mire



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Geology Club Front Row Jeanie Yarnell, Aimee VanWagenen, Carey Hengstenberg, Bill Abbey Middle Row Oona Fles-Bauz, Sandy Nyman, Nicole Shahenian, Shanie Coven, Paul Hackley, Kevin Kivimaki, Krissy Kivimaki, Ren Ajun Back Row Eric Pogue, Rex Hanger, Ellen Strong, Wayne Henderson, Chris Fedo, George Stephens, John Lewis, Paul Baldauf



Photo: Zeki Gokce

Emerging Leaders Program Front Row Becky Sloviter, Amy Duhaime Middle Row Christa Verleger, Jeff Goldberg, Brian Eddy, Anjana Prasad, Ryan Matsuno, Susan Groff, Afsoun Hatami Back Row Bob Groegler, Geoff Schuman, Hemel Gada, Steve Magnuson, Justine Nagan, Annie Knight, Liz Roberto, Mike Delvecchio, Matt Leddicotte, Janeen Latini, Lou Fantozzi, Jessica Palmer, Mayumi Nooguchi, Danielle Cage, Marc Kaplan, Marydith Newman, Jamie Lin



Photo: Zeki Gokce

The Engineers Council Front Row Hai Duong, Huy Nguyen, Erica Eva Carr Second Row Khaled Alhussan, Professor Garris, Moody-Altamimi, Rosa Ayers Third Row JP Blackford, Brad Jackson, Daniel Betts Fourth Row Michael Girondo, Juan Jenze, John DiLeo Fifth Row April Mayo, Jason Hurlburt, Grant Guthrie Sixth Row Kristy McDonnell, Roland Keiser, Matthew Koff Back Row Sergio Yanes, Kevin Herbert, Simdul Shagaya



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The Gospel Choir Front Row Kelley Walk, Nakiba Williams Back Row Nicole Peltier, Chanler Langham, Tracie Mims

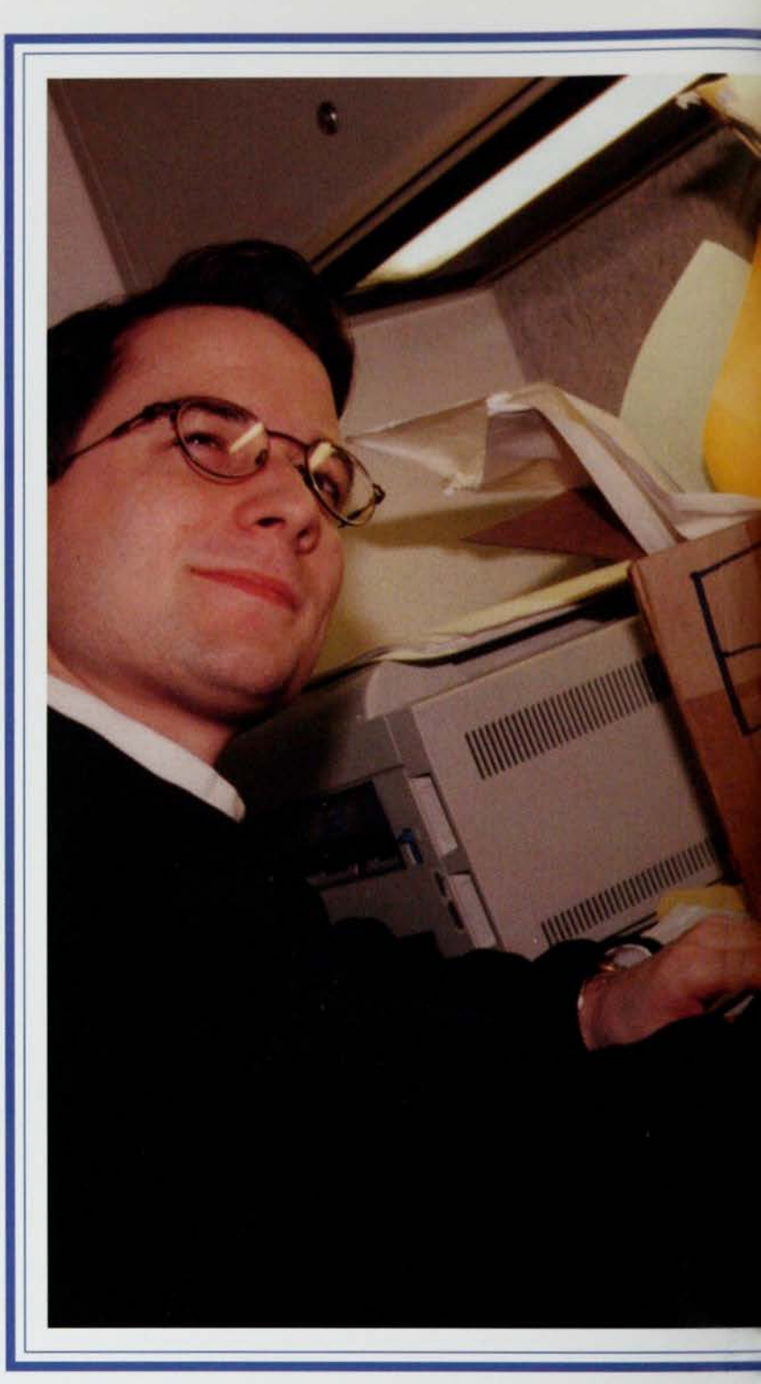




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GW Review Front Row Peter E. Turkeltaub III, Eric Seuss, Tamara Carleton, Neil Verma Back Row Simon Hiltebeitel, Anikah McLaren, Jane Roh, Jennifer Rellis



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GW University Gamers Society Front Row Matt Amitrang, Brad Norton, Gilberto Charriez, Rafael Raval, Adam Shagan, Katie Montgomery, Ritesh Sheth, Justin Chan Back Row Mark Houde, Jeremy Grey, David Hesprich, Lawrence Lee, Aaron Bass



Photo: Zeki Gokce

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Front Row Tracy Shanks, Kate Seiver, Christy Hartman, Andy Steere, Mike McKinley, Todd Sprousse, Jon Morales, Soo Young Kim, Jillian Tattersall, Sarah Bourassa Second Row Heather Dayle, Seth Kovash, Brian Washburn, Chris Balding, Juli Schwartz, Toby Bordelon, Ann Gutierrez, Stacy Maiano, Dupre Jones, Tamara Bullock, Ashley Turba, Courtney Coolui, Kathy Neschleba, Audrey Molina Third Row Alyssa Przystawik, Tom Fitzgerald, Basil Tsimpris, Eric Anderson, Will Clark, Debbie Ginzel, Jim Wenger, Joon Kim, Angeline Dai, Harry Haas, Doug Verbosky, Jake Hershman, Tricia Mastrobuono, Jeremy Cook, Neil Livingstone Back Row Jenny Barnett, Erika Labit, Stewart Welch, Susan Schultz, Juliana Bunn, Katy Bennett, Jenni Stauffacher, Gilbert Nash, Daniel Mortisaku, Jenny Anderson, Karen Andrews



The $AF

Was it really all about money? Student groups at GW were centered around activities— activities to help out the community or activities to bring the group members closer together. However, like most things, these activities required money. So, where did GW groups get their funding during the academic year? Most of it came from the Student Association (SA).

J.P. Blackford, Chairman of the SA's Finance Committee, held the purse strings for student groups along with the other 6 members of the committee. The committee gave out more than a $100,000 to an estimated 175 student groups. This was about 70 more groups than they supported last year.

According to J.P., every group that applied received some money, although not always the amount requested. All that the group had to do was put in a request by the beginning of the fall semester showing a budget for their upcoming activities. The funding was distributed based on the number and expenses of the activities, as well as on the number of members of the group. Funding was also determined by the group's tenure on campus. For instance, all new groups received $150.

What did the groups have to do in return for the money? In January, they all had to come before the Finance Committee with a report showing how they spent the money they were given.

by Mamta Kaushal



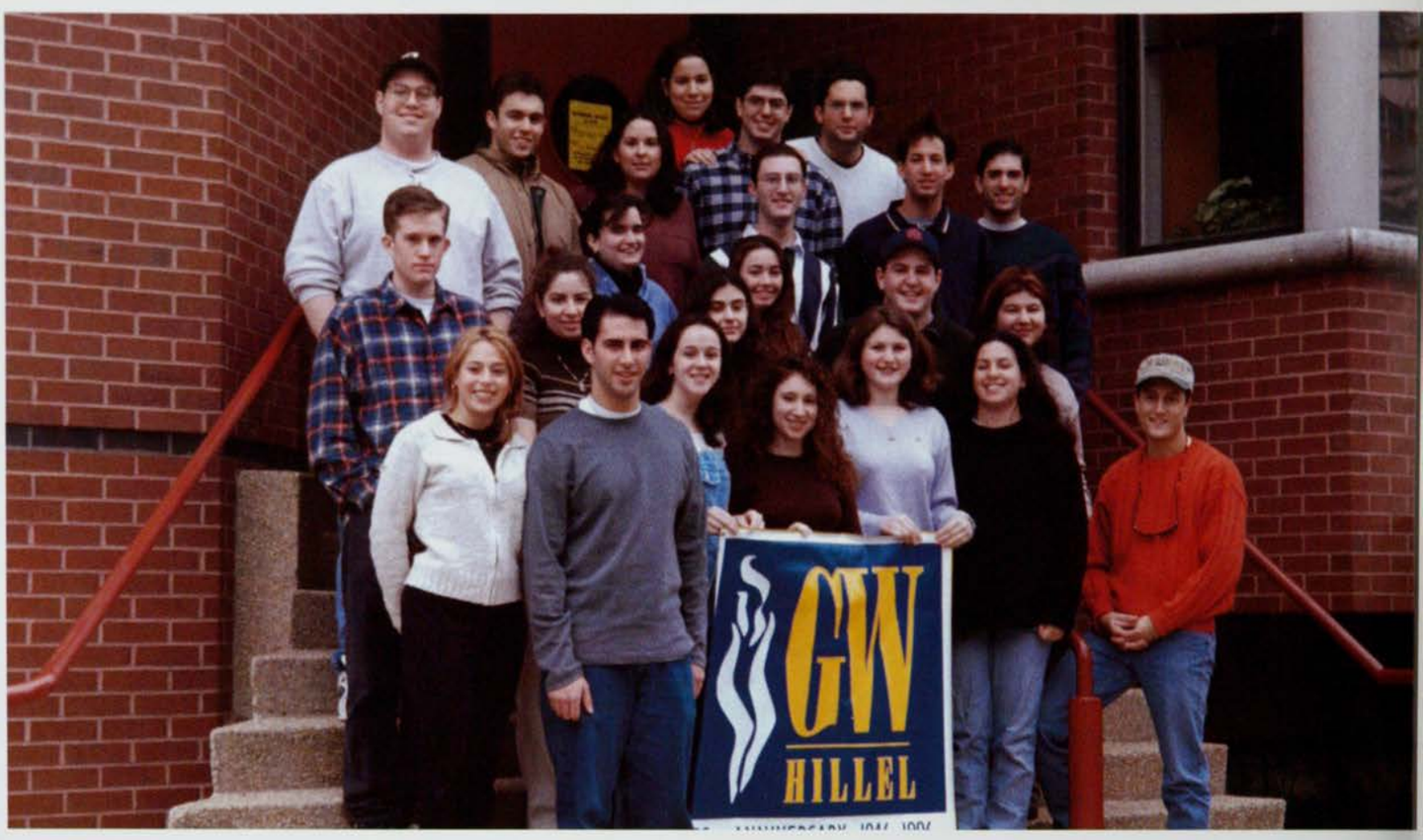
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Korean Student Association



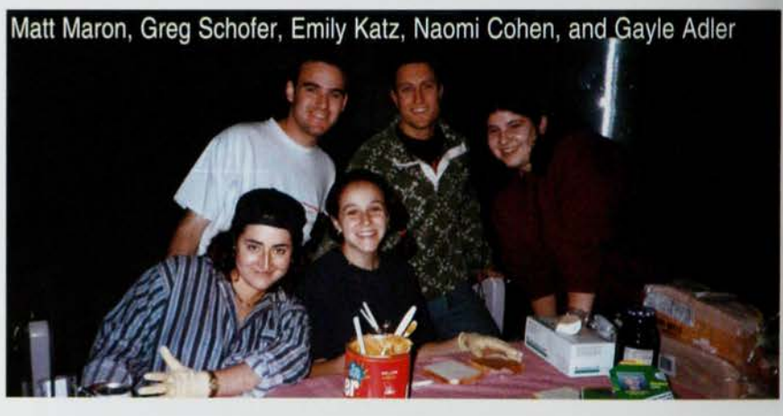
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Munson Hall Council Front Row Ann Amarga, Nicole Speulda, Gayle Crispin, Becky Sloviter, Jennifer Stauffacher, Rachel Bresnick, Heather Rothman, Ron Fajardo, Jennifer Dilley Back Row Liza Zwiebach, Stacy Geller, Dana Evans, Kara Dress, Dachee Hwang, Ari Baetiong, Josh Frumpkin, Jeremy Spector, Anand Shivnani, Robert Miller, Don Sheets



The Student JSLC Board

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Shabbat and Holidays Chair- Leah Mermelstein
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Secretary- Liz Weiss



Matt Maron, Greg Schofer, Emily Katz, Naomi Cohen, and Gayle Adler



Photo: Nik Shah

Newman Center Left to Right Lonnie Giamela, Henry Wang, Jennifer Smith, Allison Cecil, Father Brian Frawley, Lauren Supplee, Chris Maier, JoAnne Stid



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Phi Sigma Pi Front Row Kristine King, Ergem Senyuva, Laurena Ortiz, Lisa Schmitz, Jeremy Strozer, Jean Carstensen, Christina Fisher, Jackie Weisberg, Maureen McVeigh, Juli Yang, Nicole Passanisi, Shana Pimley, Christine Han, Sheilah Moran Second Row Melissa Cauiston, Meredith Grossman, Laila Moshkelgosha, Sandy Schreibel, Kimberlee Brown, Jodi Rich, Brittany Whiting, Eric Kodesch, Liz Fowler, Blythe Dim, Meredith Malone, Solveig Argeseanu, Lara Thompson, Katie Conrad, Min Hee Kim Third Row Tammy Imhoff, Chris Cunningham, Kevin Smith, James Burger, Becky Smith, Mike Torrisi, Katie Rickard, David Friedman, Carrie Lewis, Shana Samson, Brian Smith, Daphna Kalman, Amar Kaur, Sarah Cressman, Leah Probst, Brigitte Cardenier, Patrick Savolskis, Omar Ashmawy, Sharon Chinault, Greg Stern Back Row Man Le, Sandeep Soorya, Jason Burdette, Orit Kalman, Kristen Melander, Jeanne Lowiec, Julie Rouge

Pajama Jam

Mission:

The Jewish Student Leadership Coalition shall aim to help bring a sense of Jewish vitality, energy, and unity to our community by helping students best utilize Hillel resources. The Jewish Student Leadership Coalition shall help students form and maintain diverse programs and programming in all areas of interest to Jewish students.

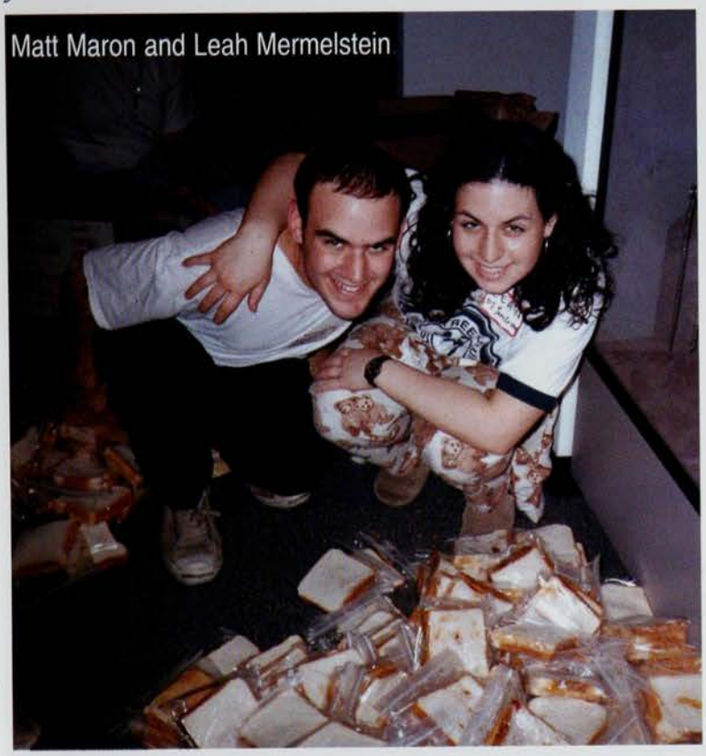

Matt Maron and Leah Mermelstein


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Share Our Strength - Hunger Awareness with John Grisham


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Sailing Team Left to Right Christina Spaight, Dave Kauvar, Courtney Flick, Elizabeth Donohue, Cheryl Doe, Jason McKellar


Photo: Mei-i Zien

Project 2501 Front Row Justin Chan, Daehee "Kyoko" Hway, Rebecca "Shinman" Johnson, Tony "The Akira" Magwood Back Row Jeff Fischer, Erin Basham, Priscilla Oddman, Andrea "Nabiki" Lord, Mark B. "Yesuin" Wolf, Deborah "Random Girl" Chick


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Project Exploration Front Row David John Jea, Carolyn Shenkler, Megan Dougherty, Sarah Ganiere, Jenna Harju, Christine Zemina, Marydith Newman, Lee Anne Neri, Joclyn Goldklang, Aviele Kaufman, Mayomi Noguchi Middle Row Anthony Rizzuto, Ptarmigan Emery, Jacob Jonas, Kiriti Patel, Michael Jewsbury, Jen Witnol, Mica Schneider, Karna Detweiler, Jessica Paniccia, Erica, Jesse McCollum, Amy Duhaisn Back Row Rob Church, Maarten Morris , Carrier Meffert, David Smith, Daniel Perez, Christopher Robles, Mark Levin, RJ Johnson, Henry Wang, Erica Burbank, Stephen Hellman, Jesse McCullen, James Libes, Amy Duhaime



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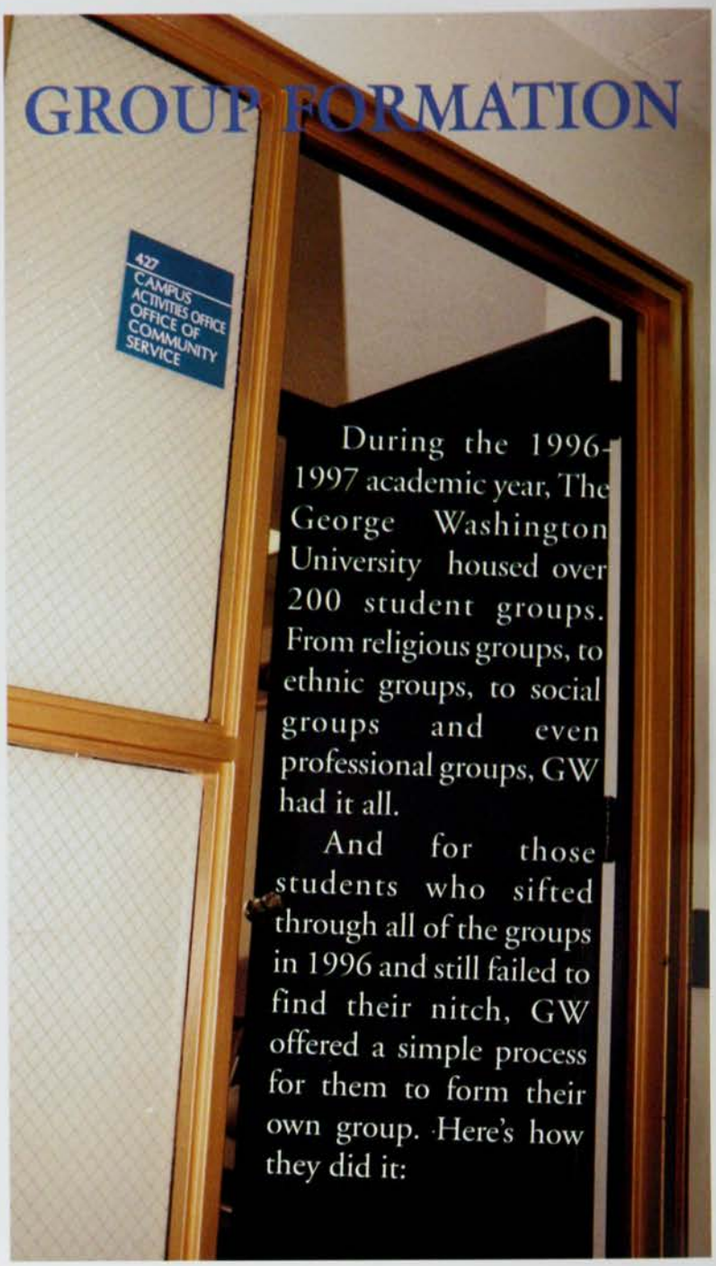
Society of Professional Journalists Front Row Angelena Abate, Lesly Hallman, Mamta Kaushal, Elizabeth Norell Back Row Patrick Preston, Derek Pillie, Amy Greenberg, Becky Neilson, Seth Litzenblatt



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GW Solar Car Team Front Row Jason Mader, Brad Jackson, Paul Bedewi Back Row Eric Takamura, George Bahouth, Desie Francis, Jessica Steps, Steve Crain, Bud Zaouk, Cory Knudtson

GROUP FORMATION



During the 1996-1997 academic year, The George Washington University housed over 200 student groups. From religious groups, to ethnic groups, to social groups and even professional groups, GW had it all.

And for those students who sifted through all of the groups in 1996 and still failed to find their nitch, GW offered a simple process for them to form their own group. Here's how they did it:



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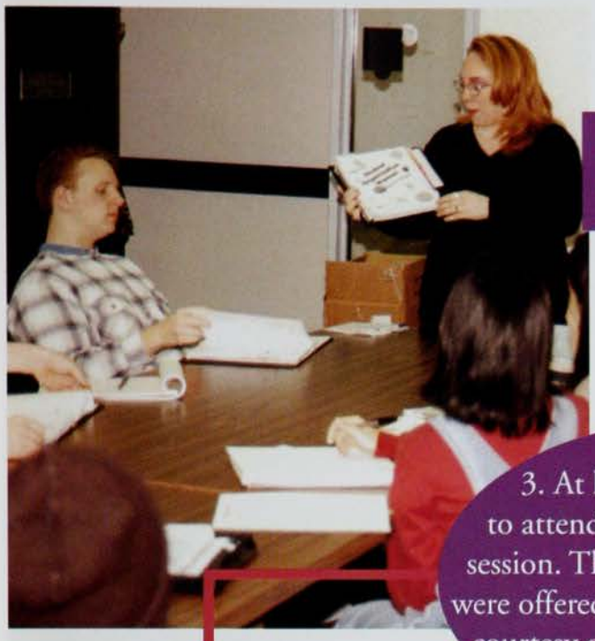
Strong Hall Council Front Row Monna Shahna, Melissa Cona Back Row Melissa Lee, Linsy Biege



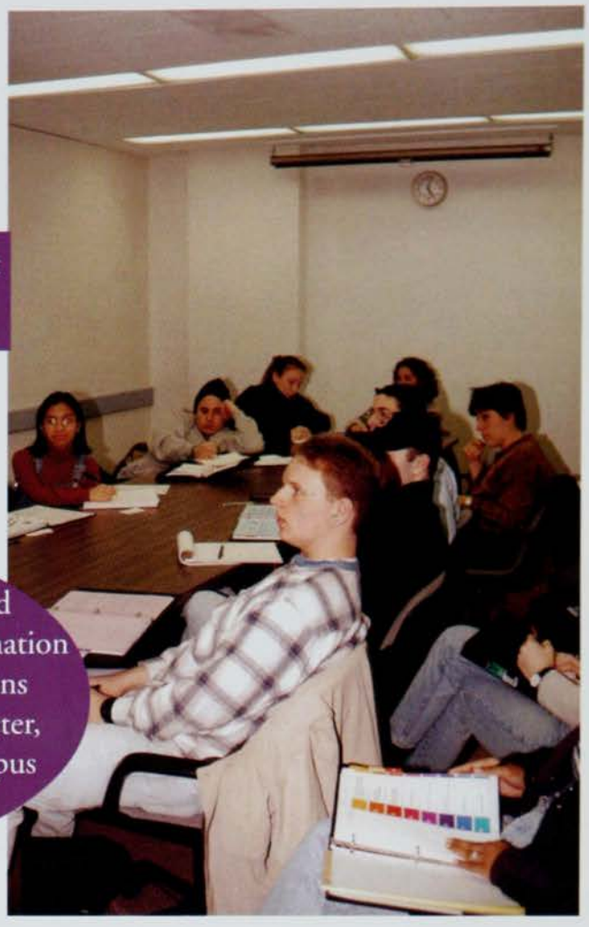
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Students for Environmental Action Front Row Megan Myers, Mandy Lightcap, Kate Cardamone Back Row Lisa Mantoni, Rachel Mason, Anna Speciale, Polly Berman, Michaela Morgan, Bonnie Conefrey

1. The group must have been either made up entirely of GW students, or else sponsored by a student group.



2. They needed at least 5 members.



3. At least one member had to attend a three-hour information session. The information sessions were offered a few times a semester, courtesy of the Office of Campus Activities.

4. They needed an advisor to add some legitimacy to their adventure.

5. And last but not least, they needed to fill out a packet of paper work so that their stats could be filed away with the rest of GW's student groups.



Photo: Zeki Gokce

Student Action Alliance Rusty Stahl, Victor Emanuel, Kim Ostrowski, Andrea Coudert, Itza



Photo: Steve Kim

Student Leadership Team Jason A. Chautin, Rodney Jay C. Salinas, Jared Sher, Dean Linda Donnels, Damian McKenna, Diane Gayoski, Heather Malkin, Dan Zmiejewski, Ron Jacobs, Kate Arnold, Akousa Walker

GW SOLAR RACING



The George Washington University Solar Car Project began in the Fall of 1991, when a group of students and faculty advisors in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences took on the challenge of designing a competitive race car powered solely by sunlight. The result was an exotic vehicle named Sunforce I, capable of reaching speeds of more than 90 miles per hour. Today, Sunforce I has been succeeded by GW's second-generation solar car, the GW Racer.

By early 1997, after four years on the international racing circuit, the GW team had won numerous titles, including the Junior Class Title and the Overall Title at the 1996 World Solar Car Rallye in Akita, Japan. As the new "World Champion," the GW team established a fierce presence in world solar engineering.



By Steve Kim



Photo: Carl Shenkler

University Singers -Altos



Photo: Carl Shenkler

University Singers - Bass



Photo: Zeki Gokce

Turkish Student Association Front Row M. Kemal Gakici, Levent Yanik, Oya Unlu, Mehmet Sarag Back Row Seval Yildirim, Ceyhan Hosgor, Tulin Olcum, Efe Yazici





Photo: Zeki Gokce

Troubadours Front Row Adam Hall, Bethann Burns, Kerry Barnhart, Danielle Simonsen, Rebecca Mason Back Row Tony Alany, Jessica Van Nostrand, Heath Einstein, Angela Aki, Erin Uretsky, Michael Laurino, Maura Lavin, Mike Wickenheiser, Justin Heckman





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University Singers- Sorpranos



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University Singers- Tenors





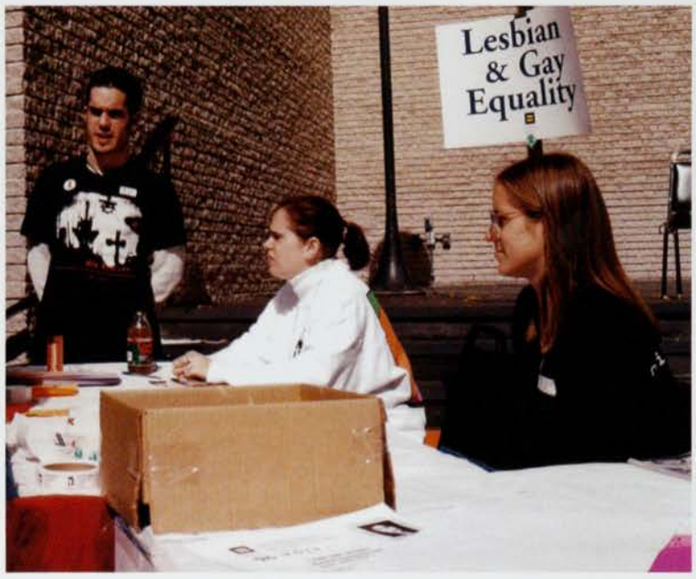




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University Mediators Front Row Pia Koslow, Suzanne Puckett, Nissrin Ezmerli, Julia Yachmeneva, Sarah Poskanzer, Kelly Brennan, Wendashia Jones Back Row Ari Kaplan, Sally Kohn Not Pictured Dawn Davis, John Cavicchio, Karin Jones-Advisor

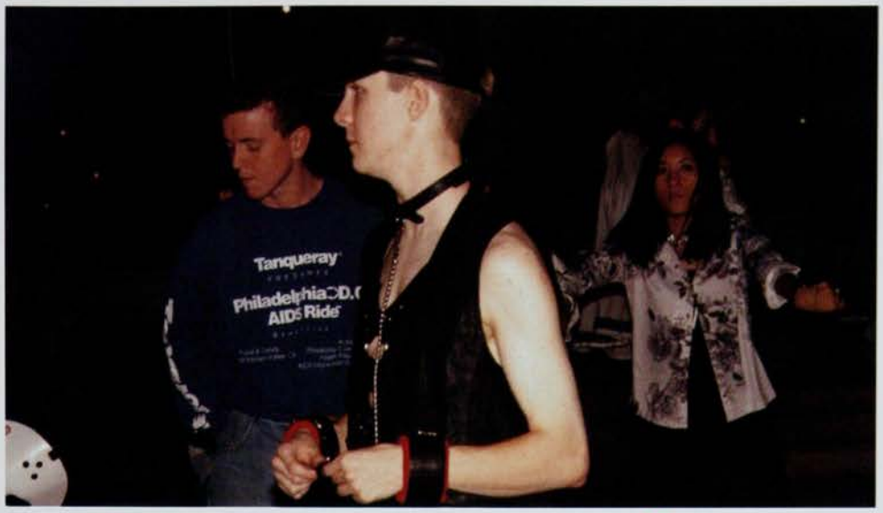


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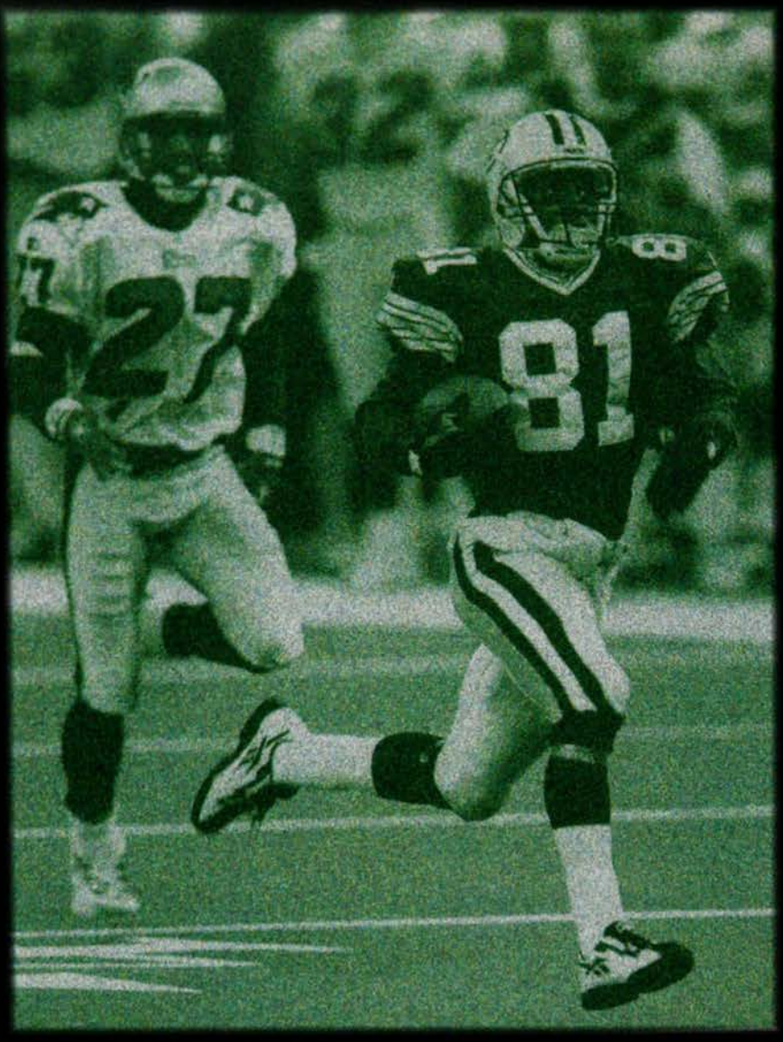
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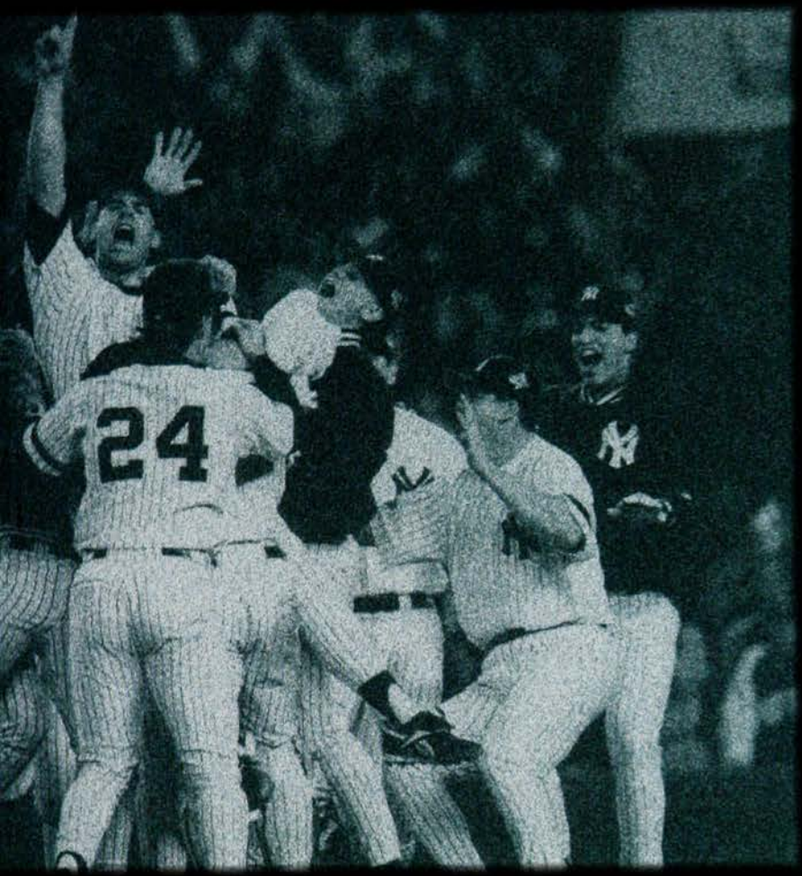
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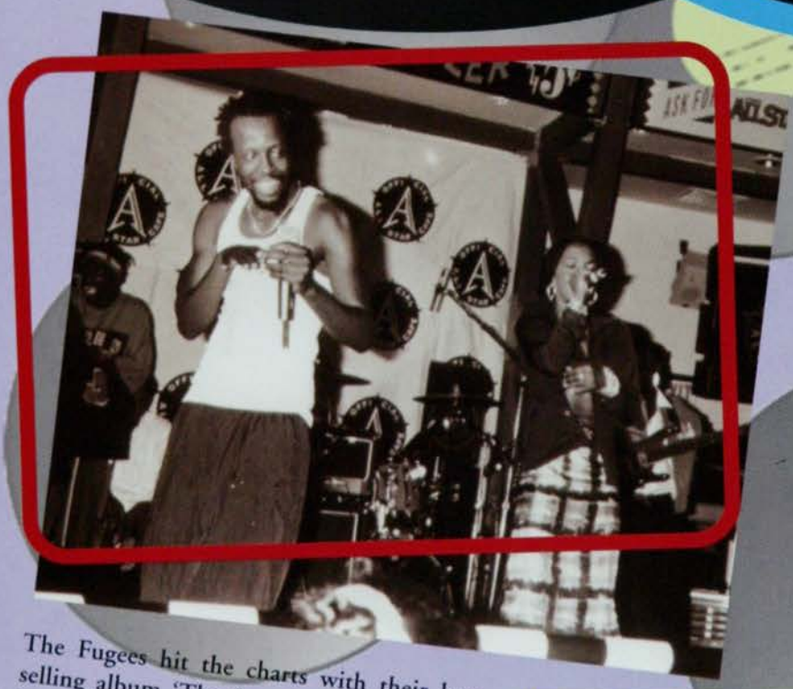




the News

FOR the RECORD

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The Fugees hit the charts with their best-selling album 'The Score'. One critic said: "The Fugees sound, style, and spirit, without question, goes a long way to dispel the stereotypical approach to making modern urban melodies."



Three years ago Dave Matthews – a South African who settled in Virginia as a teenager – put together a quintet that became one of the biggest draws on the concert circuit. The Dave Matthews Band brought nontraditional instruments, such as the violin and the sax, and expanded the band's sound as well as universal appeal.



Hyped as the most popular British band since the Beatles, Oasis stopped touring after the two brothers had a fight. They resolved issues and began to work on their third album. Their first two albums 'Definitely Maybe' and (What's the Story) Morning Glory' have sold over 20 million copies.



Tracy Chapman was back on the charts with her latest album "New Beginning." As one critic said: "One thing Tracy Chapman has inevitably gained over the years is polish. This new album is simply and impeccably orchestrated, tightly and urbanely played. The songs are adorned with soft jazz accoutrements."



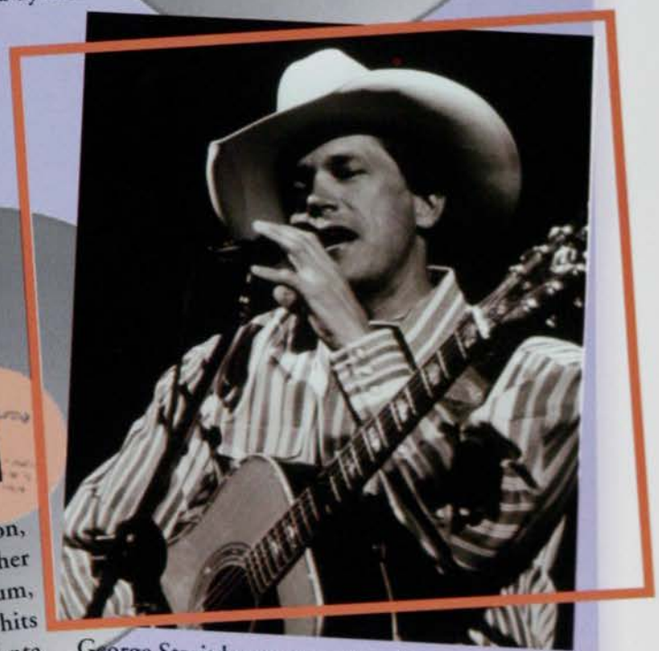
Alanis Morissette's talent brought her to the number spot on the billboards with her debut album, 'Jagged Little Pill'. The 8 million copies sold can be attributed to the hit single 'You Oughta Know', where she delivered deep personal lyrics with a dynamic voice and dynamic rhythm.



Jewel, the 22-year-old performer from Alaska, was a smashing success. Her debut album of bittersweet folk songs, "Pieces of You," just went platinum. Jewel performed many of the songs on her album in a crystalline voice while she played her acoustic guitar.

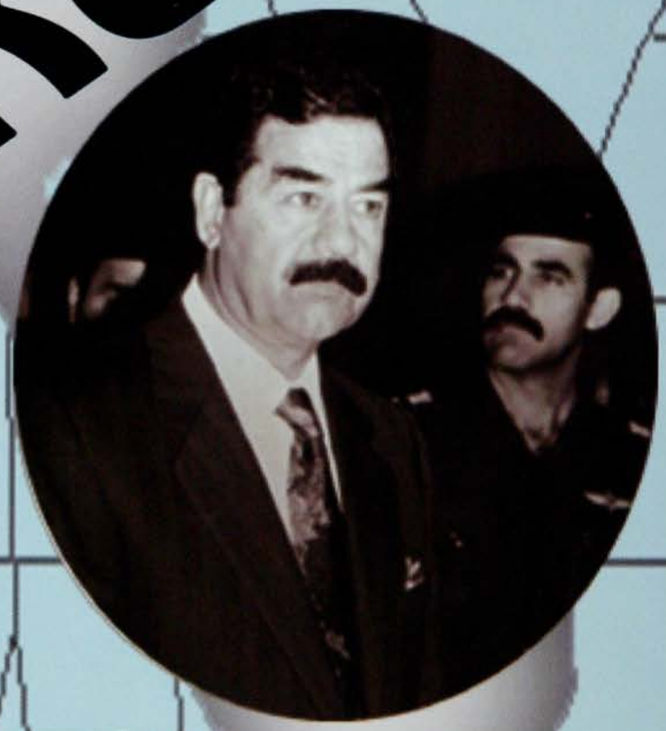


At 28, the French-Canadian artist, Celine Dion, knocked Mariah Carey from the #1 spot with her hit single "Because You Loved Me." Her Album, 'Falling into You,' has had two number one hits and Dion raised everyone to their feet in Atlanta when she sang the opening song at the Olympic ceremonies.



George Strait began recording hit songs 25 years ago. Every one of his albums for MCA records went at least gold and his total sales are now reach about 30 million albums. His latest hit, 'Blue Clear Sky', was well on its way to gold sales.

NEWS AROUND





Boris Yeltsin was re-elected President of Russia and pledged to continue the reforms he began five years ago. However, the 65 year-old president immediately began to show the signs of severe heart problems. It was announced that he had at least two heart attacks in the past two years and open-heart surgery was considered the only solution to his life-threatening disease.

THE WORLD



For the first time since the 1993 Gulf War, the American military took action against Iraq and its leader, Saddam Hussein. Iraq sent its troops into the Kurdish enclave in Northern Iraq and in retaliation, the United States launched air attacks against Hussein's southern air defenses. Hussein had abused his people since the ruling Baath party assumed power nearly thirty years ago. Since the end of the Gulf War he has continued to assassinate his political enemies.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the 47 year-old leader of the Likud political party, was elected Prime Minister of Israel. He declared that his government would honor the existing peace agreements and security issues and would continue to negotiate toward a final peace agreement in the Middle East.



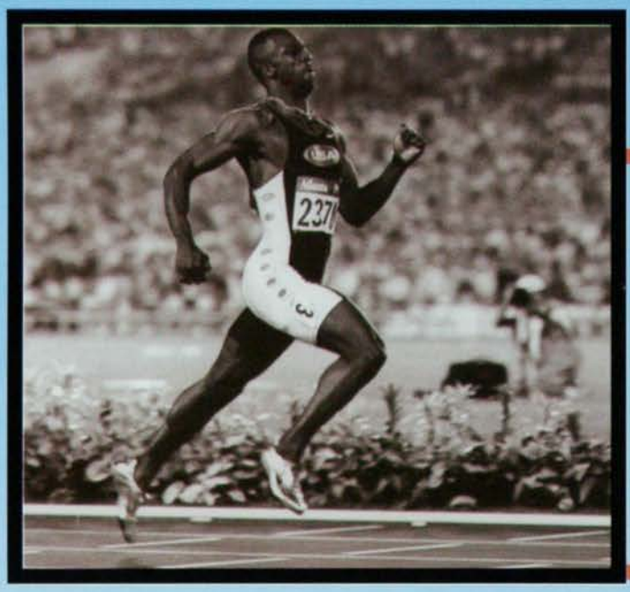
Peace in the Middle East remained unstable as the school year began. A crisis erupted after Israel opened a new exit on a tunnel alongside a plateau, raising suspicions among Muslims that the Israeli government was seeking to change the delicate religious balance in Jerusalem's Old City. The incident proved to be the breaking point in mounting Palestinian frustrations with the lack of movement in carrying out the peace accords. Demonstrations followed where nearly 100 people were killed. Then emergency meetings were arranged by President Clinton in Washington between Benjamin Netanyhu and Yasir Arafat.

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DOMESTIC

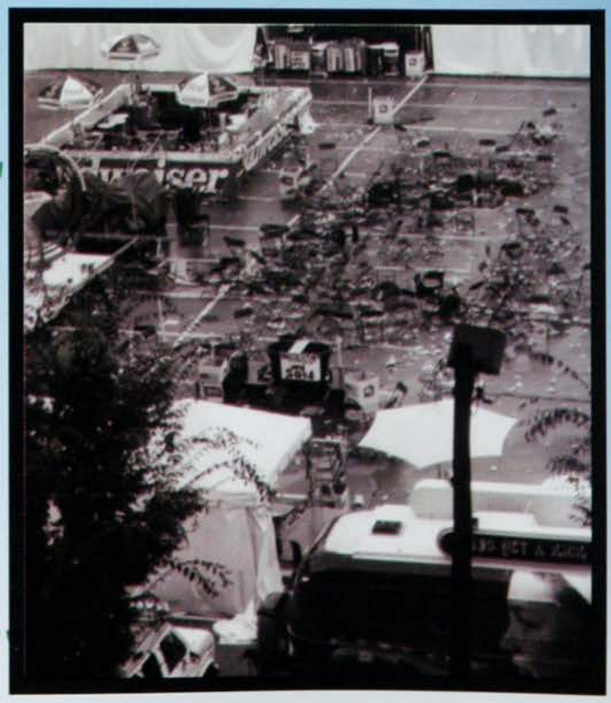
The seven members of the U.S. women's gymnastic team won the unlikeliest of the gold medals. Team member Kerri Strug made the clinching vault on a bad ankle, and became an Olympic heroine the instant she landed. Her coach, Bela Karolyi, carried Kerri to the stand to be awarded the medal.





Olympic gold medal winner Michael Johnson has what track coaches call speed endurance — the ability to carry top speed. He proved he had endurance-plus. Johnson won an unprecedented double win in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He won the 200- and 400-meter races. He was also the overwhelming favorite in the 200, but a case of food poisoning weakened him, and he failed to qualify for the final.

Just as the Olympic Games were turning Atlanta into a giddy metropolis overflowing with tourists, a black-powder pipe bomb exploded in Centennial Park. One person died instantly and another died of a heart attack. More than 100 people were injured and, as the school year opened, nobody was charged with the crime.



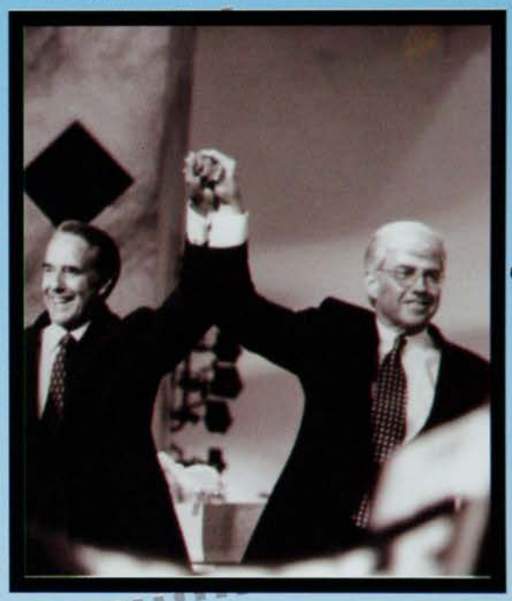
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Months after TWA Flight 800 exploded in mid air in the summer of 1996, investigators were still searching for the cause. The Boeing 747 jumbo jet plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Long Island, N.Y., just minutes after taking off from Kennedy Airport for Paris. All 230 people on board were killed. Theories ranged from a mechanical failure, a bomb, a fuel tank explosion and a missile.



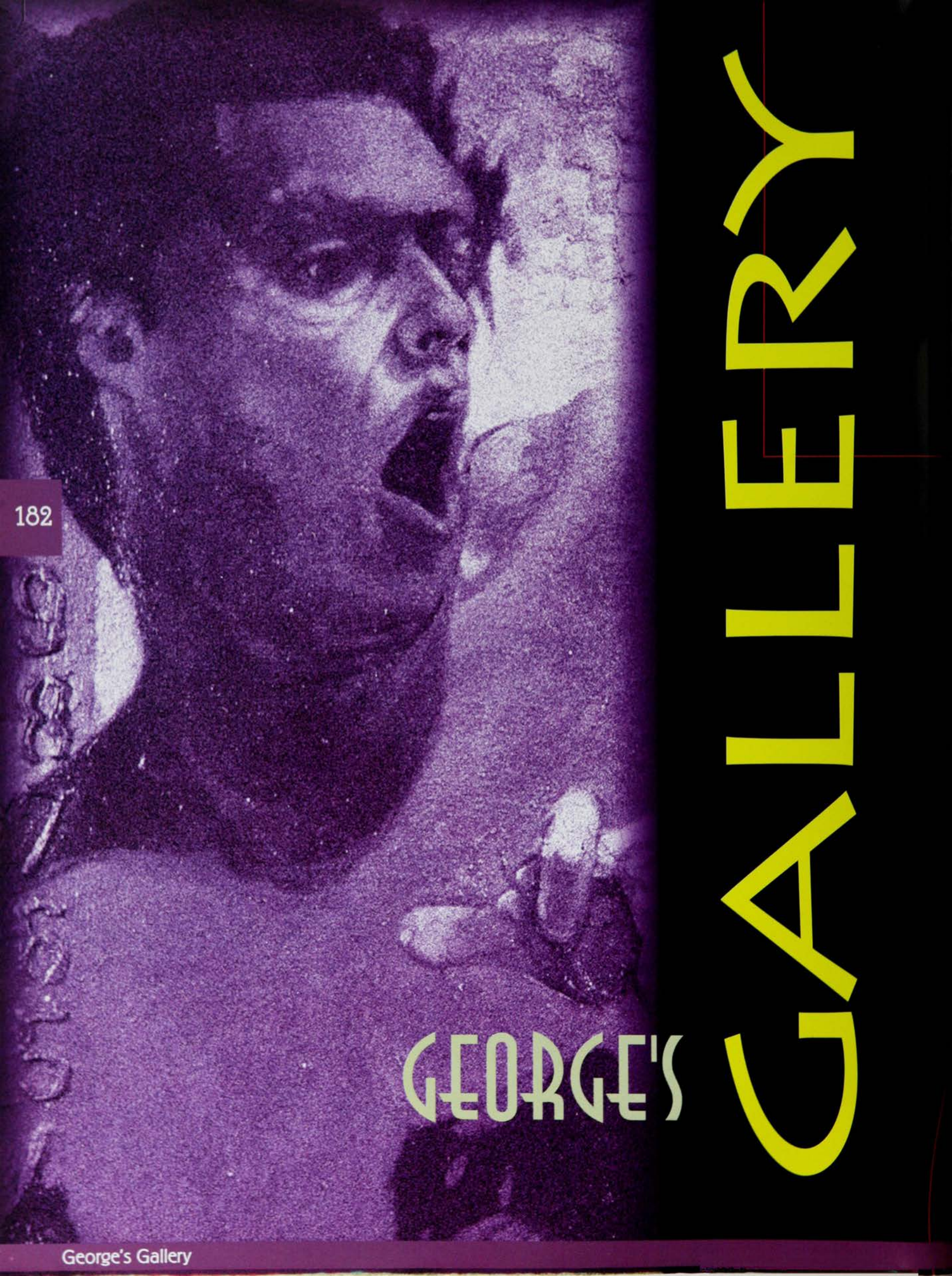
President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore maintained a strong and consistent lead in the polls during their campaign for four more years in the White House. The Democratic team campaigned on a "four more years" platform that featured a strong economy and a lower crime rate.



Bob Dole retired after 35 years in Congress to run for President in the 1996 election. He picked Jack Kemp as his running mate, who is an active Republican and former cabinet member. They attacked the President's character and ethics while promoting the Republican 15% tax cut.

Shannon Lucid was a new record holder. The 53-year-old shuttle astronaut veteran set the women's record for consecutive days in orbit —188—beating Russian cosmonaut Elena Kondakova. She also amassed 223 days in orbit since 1995, making her America's most experienced astronaut.





GEORGE'S GALLERY



An exhibit of paintings, poetry, and other artwork by GW students and faculty.





Beth Rosenberg



Jason Wells, Design

my yellow flower

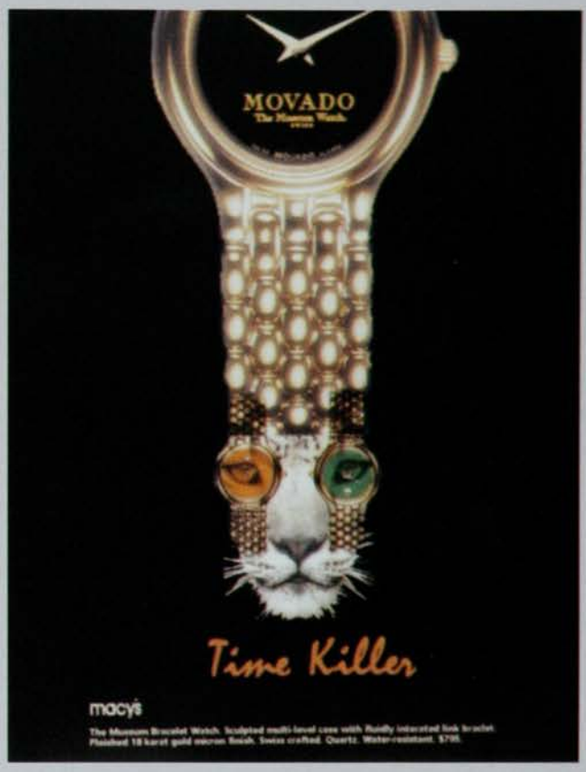
I have a yellow flower, yes I do.
It is pretty and good to look at, yes it is.
You can have my yellow flower, if you want.
You may do whatever you want to my offer,
but please don't crush my yellow flower.
It is all I have, nothing more.
You'll just end up crushing me,
if that's what you have instore.
If you keep my yellow flower, let it grow.
It will only blossom if you want.
I would love it if you want to keep my yellow flower, yes I would.
The ones I keep in the house, wither and go.
To those I give,
You'll only see it once and no mo'.
Here it is, my pretty yellow flower and pretty it is.

- Steve Bak

Anthem

Oh say can you see
This stick-up kid staring at me
As he points his gun at my face and laughingly asks me
For my money and jewelry
By the dawn's early light
I look right into his eyes, into the night
And see bright tunnels at the very limits of my sight
What so proudly we hold
Is not cash or plastic or gold
But the power of authority so bold
And the cold conviction with which we make things unfold
the twilight's gleaming
I hear someone that is myself screaming
At this kid who must be (maybe I'm) dreaming.
But the rocket's red glare doesn't care
And neither does the kid behind in the air somewhere
As the blood shoots out from the hole beneath my hair.
And the land of the free and the home of the brave
Is witness to one more soul that has not been saved
And one more night where the owner of the gun become the
master of the slave.

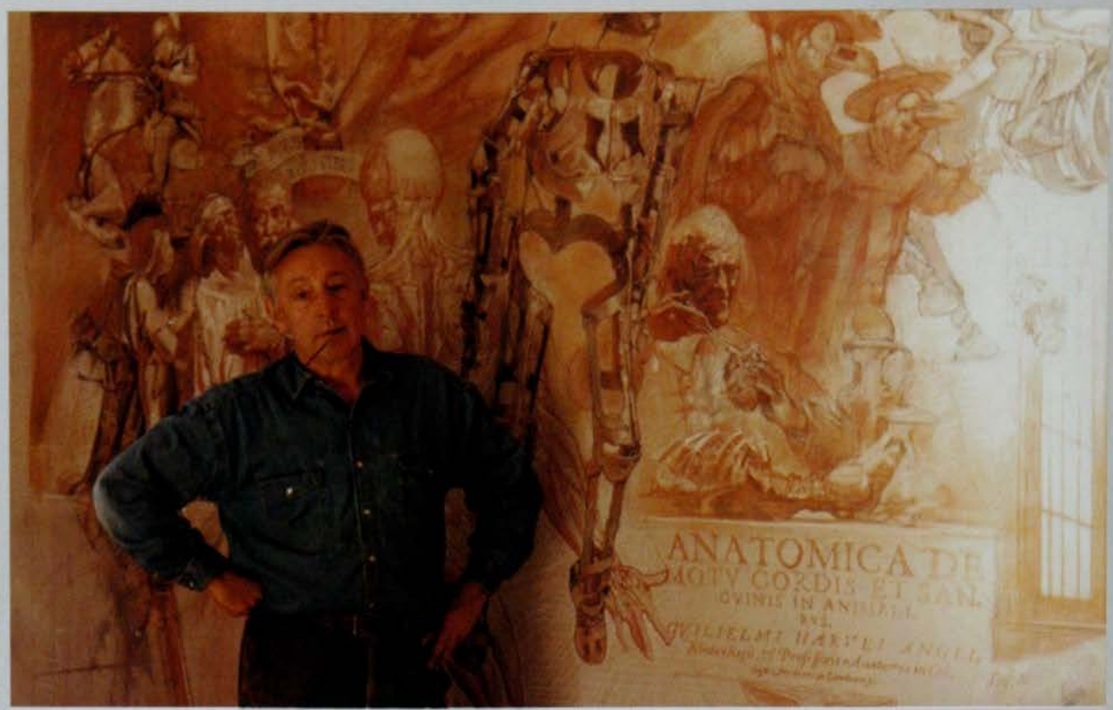
- Dan Perlmutter



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Gina Fasulo, Design



William Woodward, Painting Instructor



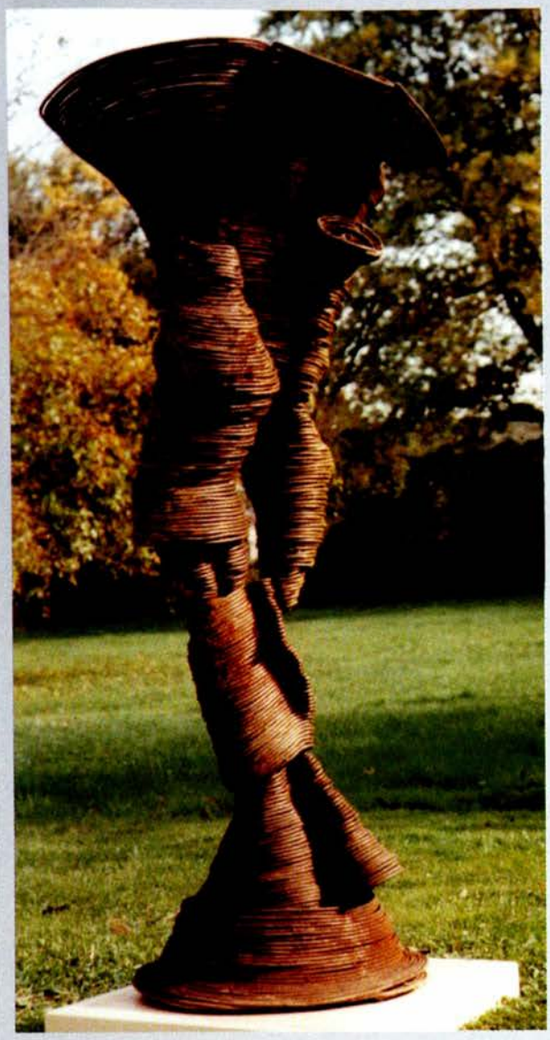
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Kind Of Me

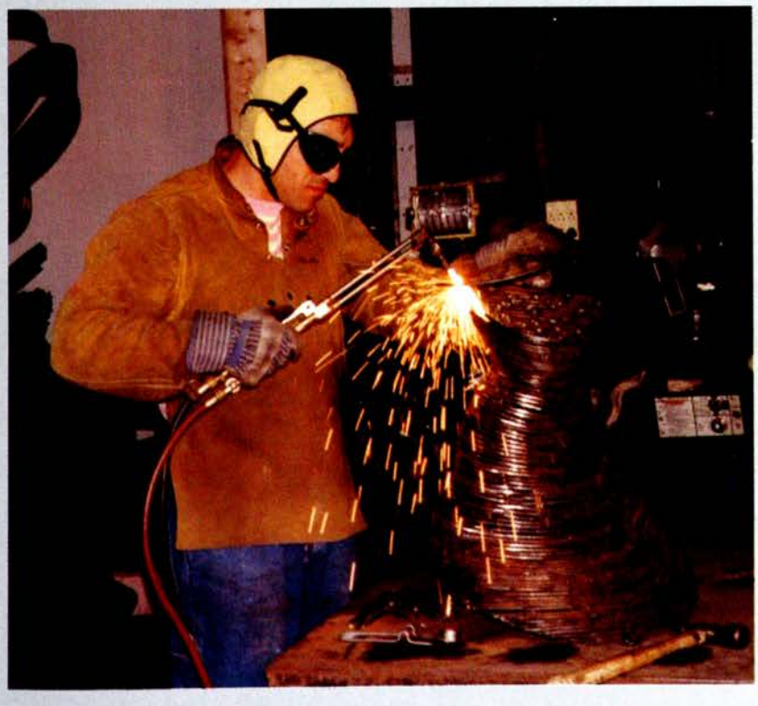
Visions of darkness are close friends of mine.
Images of pain and heat swirl around me in fine tendrils of radiant smoke.
Kind of dizzy from all this twisting,
yet I still search for logic in chaos
and control where there is none to be had.
Feverish dreams evade my soul
while last night's bar scene exits north.
Tonight's vision: grizzly inebriation, baking in the rays of a tequila sunrise.
I will no longer be tripped up by the harsh hand of death,
or the door jamb to the bathroom
where I lay in a pool of misery and bile.

Voices in the dark sing silent ballads
of drowned-out, dried up love and shadows that rob me of my self and my Gucci-link soul.
Trying to find a memory of the light
I converse with embryos and dance with savage beasts while the stars spin madly out of control in my head,
and midnight
settles firmly back
into
place.
[God, is it ever daytime on this set?]

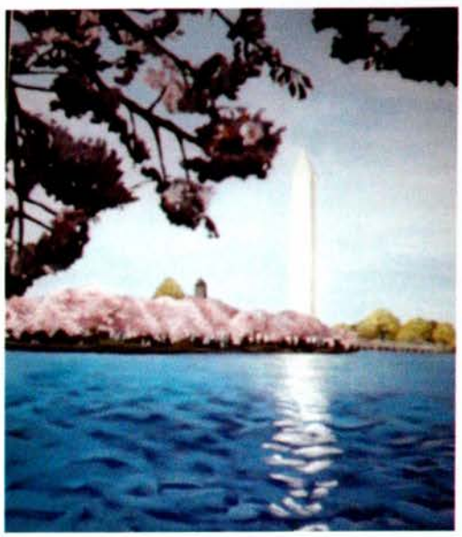
I play a solo gig in this chamber of darkness;
a fairytale anthem of ARMAGEDDON,
and recycled weed sessions
where cannonballs fly circles
around virigin weed-blessers just tryin' to get a fix
of that old-time pandemonium twist.
Perhaps I am sliding backwards--
spinning endlessly in rewind to the dark birth of my evolution . . .

Or maybe I'm just wasted.

- Dan Perlmutter



B.J. Mofid, Graduate Sculpture

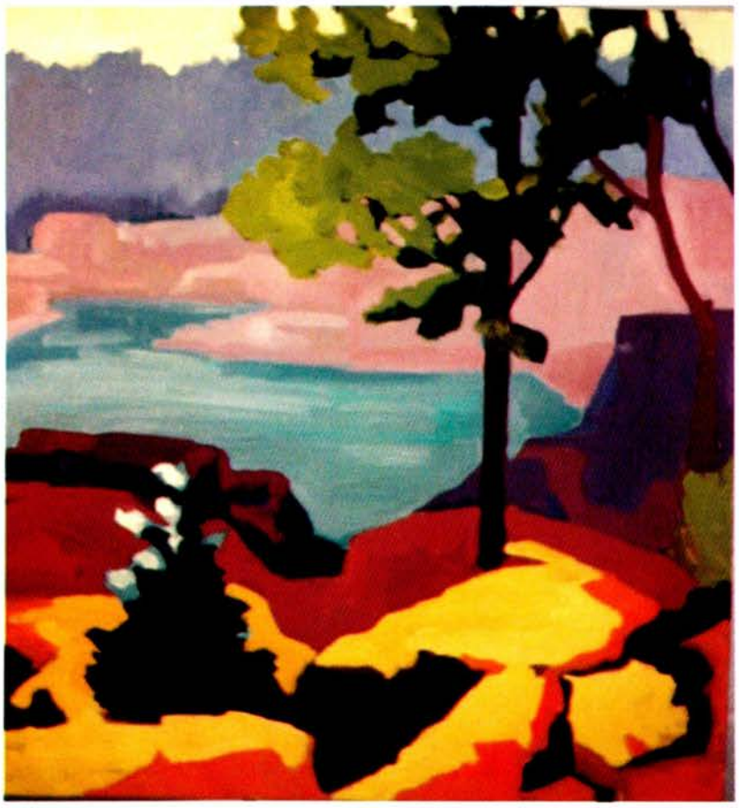


Jennifer Stauffacher



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Cindy Moore, Painting



the bully
walking through hallways
the menace to pounce on his prey
when his malice is done

howling with laughter
the bellowing beast
amused at their fear
gets ready to feast

pale little faces
quaking with fright
caught in the shadow
of this horrible sight

no where to run
no way to hide
no way to escape
the glaring eye

there is only one way
to appease him and his corny
freedom is bought
with a little lunch money

- Ana Pacheco

Moon Song

When the moon is prying lilies open,
and the sun is tucked away,
then to the stars, clouds will whisper,
wishes that have been made.

When in the breeze, sweet bells are chiming,
and to my music the willows sway,
then we will step . . .
gently into May.

When waves will swim ashore in perfect timing,
and on the soft earth we lie,
then we will embrace,
to feed the longing of the day.

- Maryam Ahmed



Cindy Moore, Painting



Jonathan Hayes, Graduate Painting





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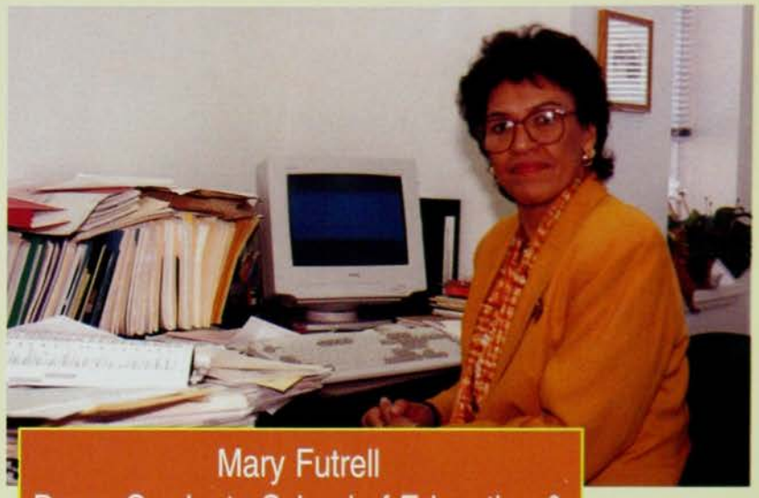




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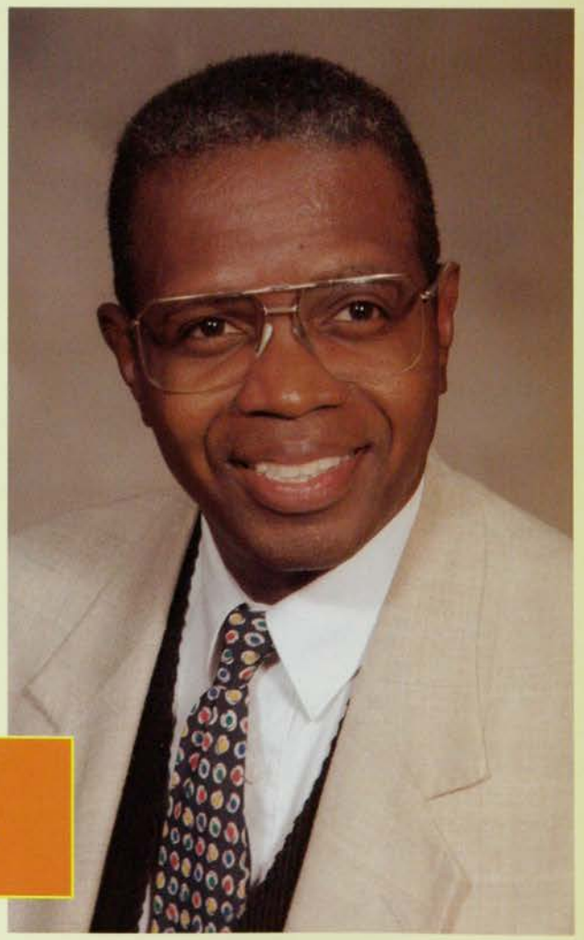


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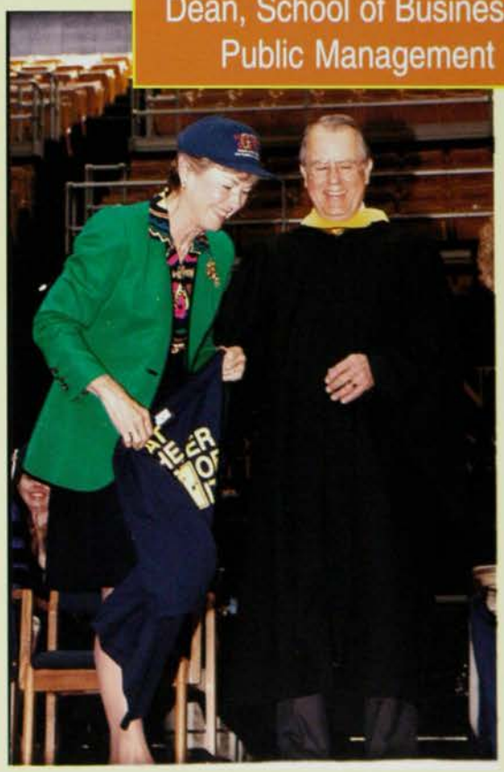
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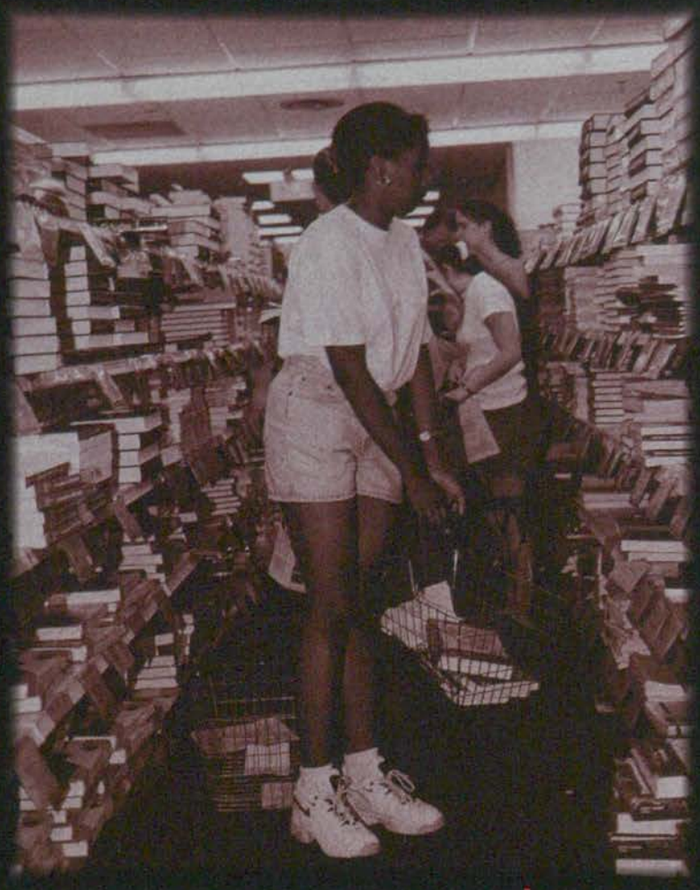
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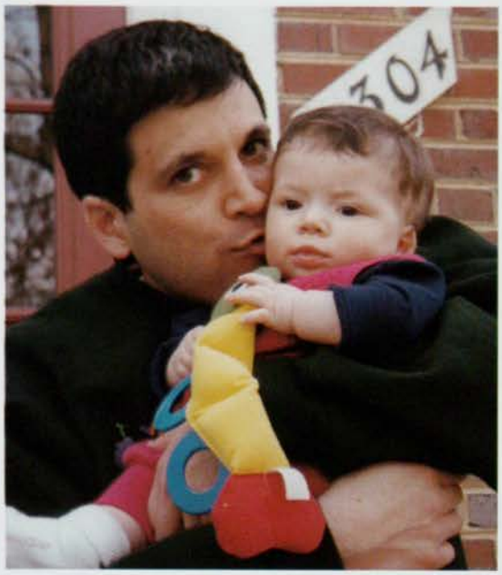












Forrest Maltzman

If Forrest Maltzman, a professor of political science, could have changed one thing about The George Washington University, he would have had GW's food service distribute free, big cookies to his classes. With an answer like that, it was not hard to see why GW's 1997 senior class chose Dr. Maltzman as one of their favorite professors.

Dr. Maltzman graduated from Welseyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1986. In 1992, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Political Science. Dr. Maltzman chose to teach at GW, because he enjoyed GW student interest in Political Science. He tried to excite his classes with jokes and good humor which made every class an enjoyable experience. The students in Dr. Maltzman's Introduction to American Government enjoyed his humor which earned them the honor of being his favorite class. He maintained contact with his students by being approachable and through e-mail, office hours, and the phone.

Dr. Maltzman must now teach his new daughter, Noa, all about political science and may just tell her the jokes later.



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James Oldson

Professor Oldson taught three classes for the School of Business and Public Management: Strategy Formulation and Implementation (SMPP 197), Fundamentals of Organizational Behavior (MS 107) and Individual and Group Dynamics for Individuals and Organizations (MS 210). The professor said it was the students, not course content, that led him to choose SMPP 197 as his favorite course. "This course provides an opportunity for students to apply their specialized knowledge gained throughout their college career— a capstone course. Students begin to shine and think outside the box, if you will."

Even though he had taught at GW for eight years, he said his teaching style had not changed much over time. His teaching style was highly interactive, and he said that GW students exceeded his expectations. Students enjoyed Professor Oldson's real world perspective that required them to think. Students found his teaching technique a bit intimidating and very demanding at the start of semesters but found that by exercising their minds, they developed a knowledge base from which to answer complex questions. Professor Oldson believed that it was his enthusiasm for teaching that assisted him most in his teaching. As he said, "I LOVE to teach."

Professor Oldson believed that the GW environment was exciting for both students and professors— there was something electric about Washington. In concurrence with his teaching methods, the professor said that the GW community, as a whole, would benefit from more interactive participation between all its members. It was probably this need to interact with his students that had them chose him as one of their favorite professors.



Dr. Rex Hanger

When asked what the one thing he would change about GW was, Dr. Rex Hanger, a four year veteran of GW, responded, "I would magically move the whole campus to the west coast. I could sit in my office, sip my (good) coffee and watch the sun set over the Pacific. Maybe just during the Winter." When he was not yearning for fairer weather and coffee, he taught Geology at GW. Out of his heavy class load that included Environmental Geology, Invertebrate Paleontology, Field Methods, Dinosaurs, Evolutionary Paleobiology, Quantitative Paleoecology and Sedimentary Environments, Professor Hanger preferred Geology 002—Environments of the Past.

He asserted that he loved this class because, "I [got] to teach about the most important contribution that Geology gave to mankind...that time is measured in billions of years and that the history of much of this time is recorded for us by the rocks and fossils." His favorite lesson came during this class when he introduced basic stratigraphic practices—the "rules" for finding meaning in rocks and fossils. He offered his students a healthy skepticism with which they could better interpret both the world around them and the "facts" handed to them by scientists and the media. He also stated that his mind for minutia, his ability to recall large amounts of information, both helped and hurt him in teaching. With an open and discursive approach to teaching, it was no wonder that this years seniors chose him as one of their very favorite professors.



Chemistry Dr. Michael Kenney, Dr. Michael King, Joan Hilderbrandt, Dr. Michael Wagner, Dr. Houston Miller, Dr. David Ramaker, Dr. Akbar Montaser, Dr. Akos Vertes, Dr. Richard Tarkka Not Pictured Dr. Nicolae Filipescu, Dr. Edward Caress, Dr. Andrew Knight, Dr. David Rowley



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Communication Dr. Clay Warren, Dr. Roy Berko, Lorna Schmidt, Ray McKelvy



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Dr. Roy Berko

Dr. Roy Berko taught communication courses at GW, including Interpersonal Communication, Nonverbal communication, Communication Theory, and Small Group Communication. Many students of Dr. Berko may remember him for his practical and interesting teaching methods in Interpersonal Communication, the professor's favorite class. The class was his favorite because he was able to integrate all his teaching philosophies into one. What were those philosophies?

Berko, who had taught in colleges and universities for 31 years, found that students responded the best to activities which allowed them to gain an understanding of themselves and their relationships. He also was interested in teaching students, not student matter— he said that some people thought he was "unusual" because of this belief. Authenticity was another philosophy he used in teaching. Through the use of personal examples, he inspired students to challenge their ideas. "I challenge students. They need to perform, show up for class, and encourage them to understand the value of being effective communicators."

Dr. Berko never used strict lecture in his teaching and encouraged students to come to his office hours, to E-mail him, and to let him see their personalities. He held a Bachelor's degree from Kent State University with an emphasis in marketing, communication/drama, psychology and math. He got his Master's in media and education from the University of Michigan. He holds a Doctorate from Penn State University in speech communication, with an emphasis in interpersonal communication.



Howard Morley Sacher

In his 34 years of teaching, Professor Sachar has never won a popularity contest when the main criteria is grade inflation. A Professor of Modern Jewish History and International Affairs, he was demanding, indeed. He taught 20th-Century European History, 20th-Century European Diplomatic History and Modern Jewish History to GW students majoring primarily in International Affairs. Because it was the most complex and challenging, Professor Sachar noted 20th-Century European History as his favorite class to teach. Interestingly enough, the professor said that students most enjoyed his lectures on Hitler.

Professor Sachar came to teach at GW because Washington, D.C. was the center of action in his field. With more than three decades of teaching behind him, he said that he had become more tolerant of students. On teaching Professor Sachar said, "I try to stay up to date, both through travel and research. But, if I win popularity, it is because students are hungry for dialogue and information— not because I inflate grades." Even if he wouldn't give a B-, instead of a C+ to a student just for showing up to class, the professor encouraged his students to come to his office hours for help in the class and for career suggestions and recommendations.

In 1947, Professor received his B.A .from Swathmore College. In 1950, he received his MA from Harvard, where he stayed until 1953 to complete his Ph.D.



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English as a Foreign Language Belle Tyndall, Candance Matthews, Mary Bandas, Clare Iacobelli, Edith Kramer, Veneeta Acson, Sigrun Lucas, Phillip Edmondson, Margaret Kirkland, Marian Graham, Donald Weasenforth, Christine Meloni, Patrice Connerton



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Exercise Science Left to Right Don Pamp, Bor Westeme, Pat Sullivan, Wayne Miller, Bo Fernhall



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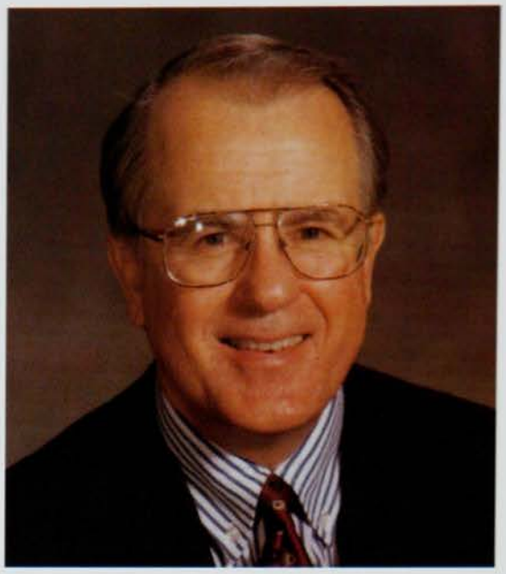
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International Affairs Front Row Dorothy Moore, Charles Herber, Hugh Agnew, Harry Harding Middle Row Sikle Reeves, M. East, Bruce Dickson, David Auerswald, Jim Goldgeier, Martha Finnemore, Deborah Avant, Charles F. Elliott Back Row Catherine Allen, Daqing Yang, Ronald Spector, Edward McCoy, Peter Klaren, Cynthia McClintock, Steve Suranovic, Jim Millar, Rosalia Rodriquez Garcia, Joseph Pelzman



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Management Sciences



F. David Fowler

In 1997, Dean Fowler led a business school that boasted 998 undergraduate students, 1947 graduate students and 20 degree programs. GW's Business School helped enhance GW's overall rating as a university. The School holds top rankings in both *US News & World Report* and *Success.* Its graduates helped shape the District of Columbia, the nation, and the world as the heads of *Fortune 500* companies, executives of *Forbes'* top 200 small companies, Members of Congress, Cabinet Members, deans at other schools, and military leaders, according to Dean Fowler. It was the School's mission to provide management and professional expertise to business, government, and not-for-profit organizations by building an outstanding educational experience for its students. The faculty regularly advised governments and industry, and the School sponsored leadership programs and facilitated partnerships with governments and businesses.

In the fall of 1996, the School launched the MS in Project Management, an accelerated MBA program at the University's Graduate Education Center, and a Graduate Career Center which offered alumni software that matched students/alumnus with employees.

In 1997, the School of Business lost their dean. Dean Fowler had the following to say, "In my five years as dean, it has been my pleasure see the School become more appealing to applicants, students, and faculty. We have made significant progress, and new, exciting endeavors are ahead, including distance learning and a new government-university-industry partnership to provide management training for DC's mid-level and senior managers."



Harry Harding

The Elliot School of International Affairs is one of only 16 professional schools for International Affairs and one of a handful that offer undergraduate degrees as well as graduate training. It is also one of the largest, with approximately 1000 undergraduates and around 500 graduate students.

Next year, the Elliot School will start a review of their undergraduate programs. Dean Harding hopes to supplement the existing courses concerning international economics, international politics, and regional studies with additional offerings on the social and cultural interactions among nations and the impact of the revolution in information technology on international affairs. He also wants to design "capstone" seminars for students in their senior year— seminars that can help them integrate what they have learned by applying their knowledge to major international policy questions. Harding added, "Our aim is to provide an interdisciplinary undergraduate major that can offer the knowledge, the skills, and the experience needed for success in virtually any career."

He offered, "We all know that The George Washington University is on the move, joining the ranks of the best universities in the United States. That's why I decided to join GW a bit more than two years ago, when I left my previous position at the Brookings Institution." His aim for the Elliot School is to make it one of the very finest professional schools of International Affairs in the world. With their outstanding students, talented faculty, and dedicated staff, he is confident that this objective is well within reach.



Marketing



Mathematics Front Row Myrna Lee, Valentina Harizanov, Jozef Przytycki, Yonjun Rong, Murli Gupta, Nemath Taghavi Back Row Joe Bonin, Frank Bajinski, Dan Allman, Michael Mosen, Arthur Rubinson, Hujo Juryhenn



Media and Public Affairs



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Music Front Row Marilyn Garst, Robert Baker, Malinee Peris, Jane White, Barbra Dahlman Back Row Robert Parris, Catherine J. Pickar, Paul Edgar, Roy J. Guenther, Laura Youens, Karen Ahlquist, Robert M. Birch, Desi Alston



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Naval Science Front Row SKC H. Huertas, Mrs. D. Lee, Ms. L. Narcizo, Lt. T. Lawrence Back Row Capt. D. Albrecht, Lt. D. Basara, Cdr. E. O'Brien, Capt. G.B. Lear, Jr., Lt. R. Wheeler, Gsgt. K. Jones



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Operations Research



Kim Moreland

The Colombian School of Arts and Sciences had approximately 4,000 undergraduate students and 1,000 graduate students during the 1996-7 school year. It was composed of three divisions: Humanities; Social Sciences; and Natural, Mathematical and Biological Sciences. The school offered three Bachelor's Degrees— the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of Music— as well as over forty departmental majors. Many undergraduate students chose double majors, interdisciplinary majors, or even individual degree programs, as well as minors to complement their major interests. Graduate students could earn Master's or Doctoral degrees in over 20 departments.

The Colombian School was truly the cornerstone of the University. Founded in 1821, the Colombian College (the undergraduate component of the School) was the original college which formed the nucleus of the complex institution we know as The George Washington University. As the home of the liberal arts and sciences, the Colombian School taught students how to ask significant questions, develop compelling and often provocative hypotheses, marshal evidence, and present persuasive arguments. Colombian School students learned how to express complex ideas in oral and written form. Their ability to analyze problems was honed in a variety of courses and disciplines, enabling them ultimately to apply these analytical and problem-solving skills in a wide variety of careers.

Though the history of liberal arts education was long— not only at The George Washington University but at universities for the past millennium— the

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Colombian School also eagerly embraced the new possibilities offered by technology, whether in our science laboratories, our School of Media and Public Affairs, or our computing capabilities. "We not only look back with pride to our long history but also forward with expectation to the new discoveries that will transform our institution and our students," said Dean Kim Moreland.

"Learning implies change. At the Colombian School, we are gratified by the learning evidenced by our students, but we are also committed to supporting the learning that keeps our faculty and administrators intellectually vibrant," the dean continued. The Colombian School prided itself on a synergistic environment that encouraged life-long learning for students, alumni, faculty, and administrators. After all, a love of learning— and its complement, intellectual curiosity— were the most important results of an education in the liberal arts and sciences and the best legacy that the Colombian School can offer its gifted students. "We are confident that this love of learning and intellectual curiosity will lead them to discover the challenges that our new millennium provides and will prepare them to meet these challenges in creative and productive ways," said Dean Moreland.



Philosophy Front Row Gail Weiss, Richard Schlagel Back Row William Griffith, Andrew Altman, Rod French, David DeGrazia, Peter Caws



Psychology Front Row Natalie Frank, Cindy Rohrbeck, Jody Ganniban, Carol Siegalman, Lynn Offermann Middle Row Maria Celcia Zea, Rolf Peterson, Steve Carp Back Row Erika Peterson, Eugene Abra Vanel, Ron Rohrer, Dave Silber, Dave Constanza, Robert Holmstron, Ted Rice, Faye Billgrave

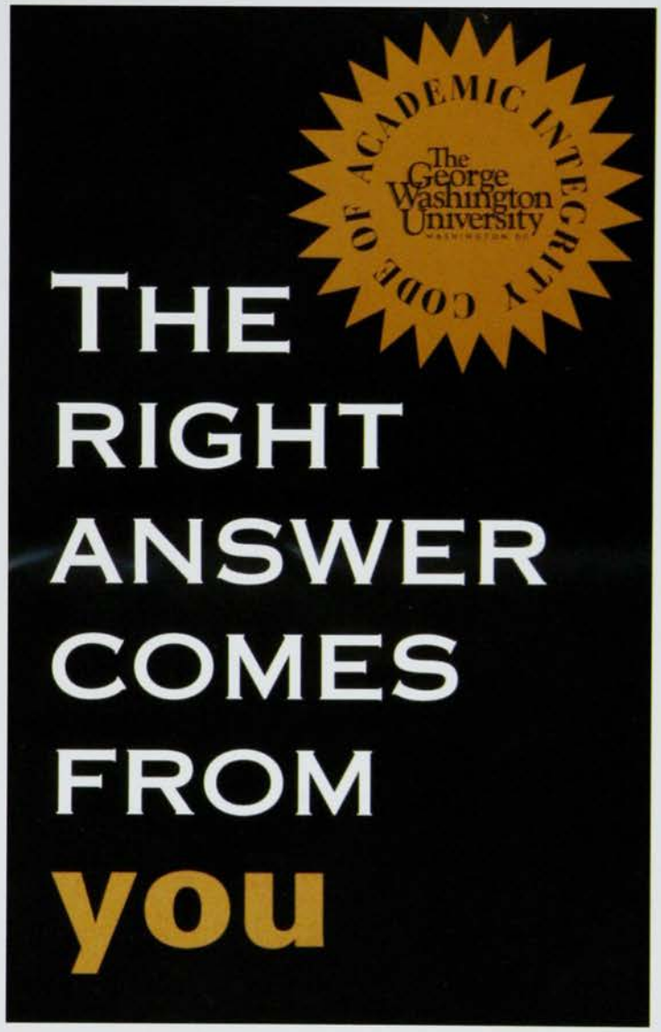


Public Administration Front Row Cynthia McSwain, Jill Kashe, Kathy Newcomer, Michelle Moser, Sue Tolchen Back Row Baynard Catron, Bill Adams, Mike Harmon, Dwight Cropp, Steve Chitwood

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

"Commitment to academic honesty upholds the mutual respect and moral integrity that our community values and nurtures. To this end, we have established The George Washington University Code of Academic Integrity." —preamble Code of Academic Integrity

I thought it was kind of comical that the question, "Did your professor stress the Code of Academic Integrity" was added to the Student Association's teacher evaluation questionnaires this past spring semester. We all should know that if you are caught cheating, you are in big trouble. Was not this true way before there was some code to inform us that cheating was immoral? Well, needless to say, none of my professors addressed the Code. Why should they have?



Just because faculty and students, working together with the administration, created some "tradition" of academic integrity in 1995 when the Code was passed by the University Board of Trustees, it does not stand to reason that we all did not learn that cheating was wrong.

But, alas, there was a little bit more to the Code than some overly moral plaque looming over your head as you took an exam for which you realized you should have actually studied. The Code promoted uniformity and fairness by centralizing the adjudication of academic dishonesty cases throughout the five separate schools and in the Medical Center. This was accomplished through the work of the Academic Integrity Council, which was a group of faculty and students who worked to promote academic integrity and who handled cases of academic dishonesty. The Council had representatives from all the participating schools and was coordinated by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. It also switched the University's emphasis off the punishment of academic dishonesty. The University promoted academic integrity with the implementation of the Code. The Code replaced the Policy on Academic Dishonesty, which had a similar definition of dishonesty but was not uniform in its enforcement nor did it promote academic integrity.

In essence, the Code was more of an agreement between faculty and students that was based on the morality of the student body, rather than on the assumed immorality of those who attended the University. It also promoted the participation of faculty and students in keeping GW cheat-free. So, if you felt like Big Brother was watching over your shoulder to make sure you did not sneeze in the direction of your fellow class mate's exam, or that your teacher might accuse you of plagiarism if you said that the Weimar Republic was a failed attempt at democracy just because it was not your thought before it was someone else's thought, you were probably overreacting. You see, the Code was really an affirmation that we were all here to be scholars— and if you got your diploma, apparently you were.

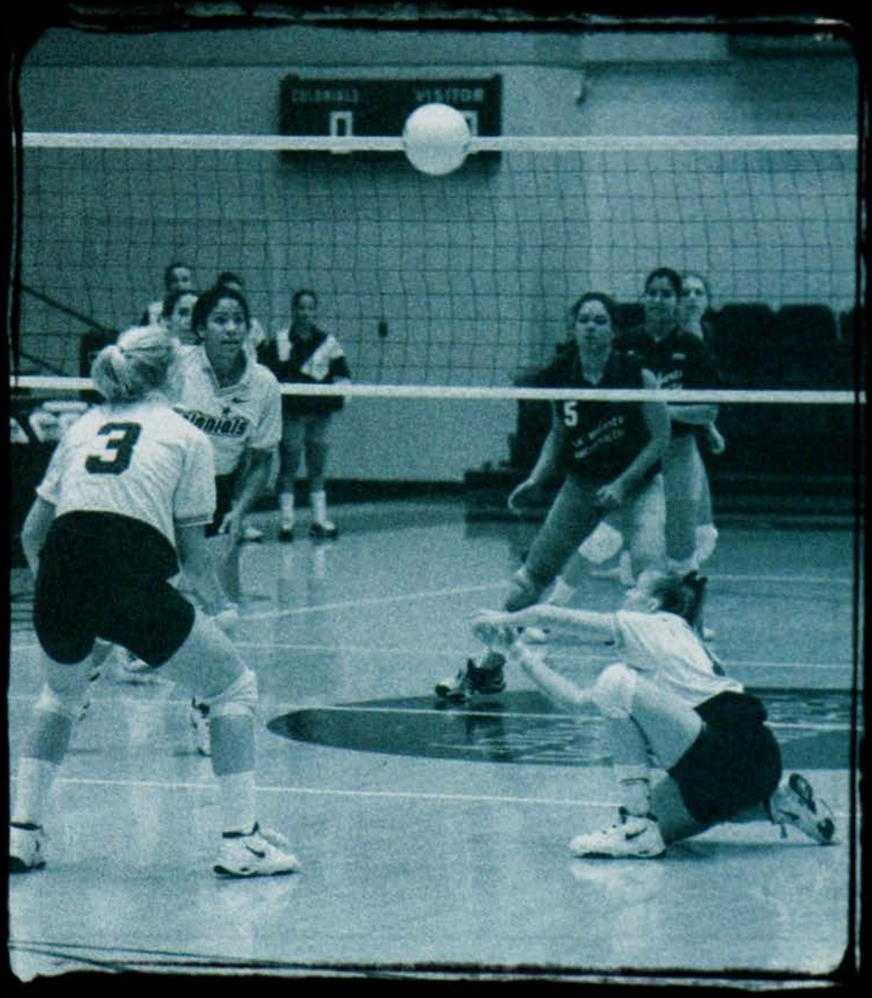




Non-Uniformity









GW Athletics

Potomac Fever

Strikes GW Crew

by Christopher Goldson



Every rowing season, the top crew teams from the Mid-Atlantic area and the North East converge on the Potomac River for the GW Invitational Crew Regatta. Area rowing powerhouses, such as the University of Virginia and our next door neighbors Georgetown, help assure that it is always a tough competition. This event also allows GW men's crew to flex their muscles a little as all the other rowers converge on their home course. This year marked the 10th annual regatta and the GW men wanted to show their stuff. Unfortunately their performance did not live up to expectations. When the final trials were held later in the afternoon, most of GW's men could only take part as spectators. The GW men's crew team season had its better moments. In an early spring meet with the University of Michigan, all four GW men's boats won their races against the University of Michigan, with the first varsity men's boat finishing with the fastest time of all boats at the meet. In another meet against Williams College, GW crew cruised, with every GW boat(men's and women's) victorious.





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Men's Varsity Crew: Front Row: Alan Goldberg, Julie Lee; Second Row: Eric Mangan, Frank Craycroft, Dan Fillebrown, John Craycroft, Noah Letwin, Jim Toohey, Steve Schmidt, Chris Claflin; Back Row: John Campbell, Oren Adelson, Tony Kuhel, Josh Cook, Charles Cook, Clay Cutshall, Kieran Mazzola, Brendan O'Malley, Khalid Hanif, Brendan Andersen, Aaron Crum, Jim King.



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Men's Novice Crew: Front Row: Leeanne Neri, Colleen Carigan, Mike Orquiza; Second Row: Jeremy Dutra, Jared Golub. Aaron Wexler, Mark Biggs, Sal Assenza; Back Row: Justin Hutchinson, Axel Steiner, John Finch, Tim Beresford, Jay Anklowitz, Mike McCorriston, Jeff Rauth, Matt Russell



The 1996-1997 season was a great year for GW's women crew teams. The women's novice and varsity boats had strong performances at the A-10 tournament, as well as at the Champions Regatta held in Georgia. Both women's teams boats were consistently competitive. The future looks bright for the women. This year, they proved that they were tough competitiors and top contenders against some of the more established teams. The challenge for GW's crew teams, in the near future, is to continue their rise to the top.












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Women's Varsity Crew: Jess Anderson, Sarah Black, Christine Booth, Marycate Buckley, Samantha Byrd, Erika Collins, Marnie Dale, Tara Jo DeRosa, Jennifer Edwards, Eva Gabel, Amy Hall, Shannon Hapgood, Amy Holland, Jamie Ingraham, Yuko Kawashima, Stephanie Kirchgaessner, Anne McDonough, Amanda McDougall, Melissa McElroy, Audrey Molina, Erin Moore, Kristin Niemi, Abigail Norris, Wendy Perelka, Christine Prior, Theresa Ridder, Jennifer Scharborough, Melissa Siegel, Heather Staufenberg, Kimberly Stewart, Susanna Wilson





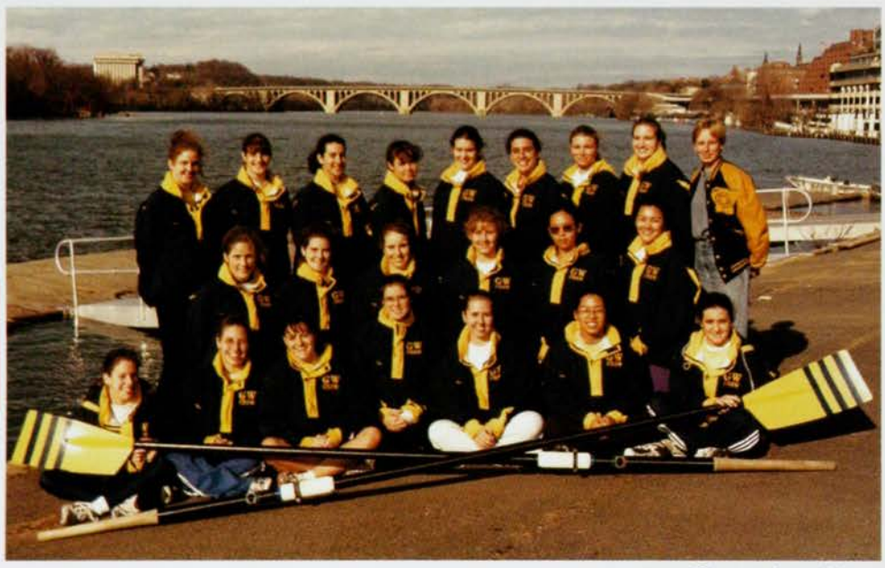
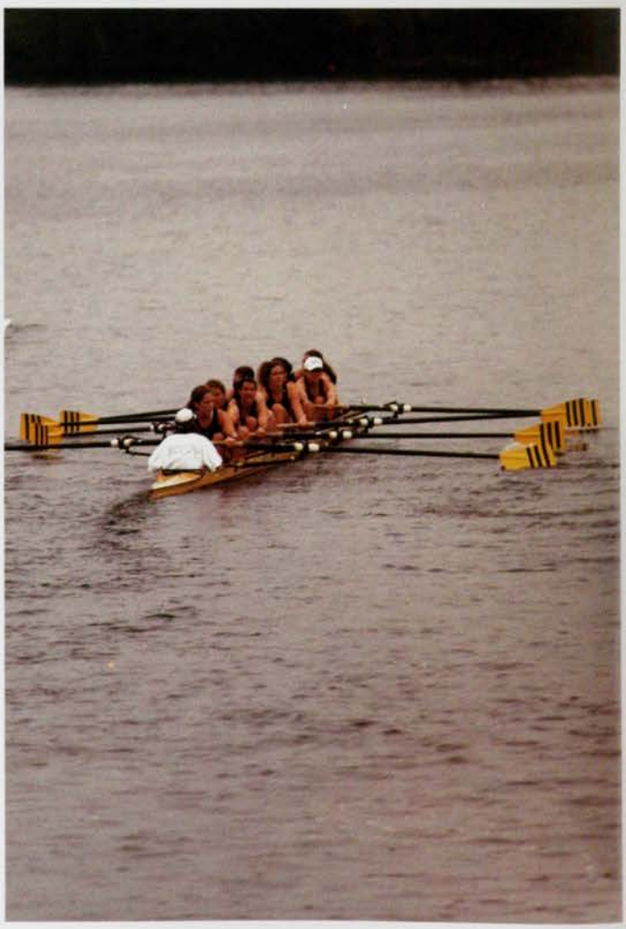


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Women's Novice Crew: Steph Braun, Alanna Castillo, Wendi Conti, Mary Dwyer, Wiley Eley, Joan Fallon, Dehorah Friedman, Lindsay Hower, Liz Land, Kelly McNicholas, Hallie Mellon, Lucy Morgan, Tish O'Toole, Jen Reinert, Annie Rockenbach, Nicole Rucker, Parker Ruhl, Denise Slominski, Laurie Spinella, Bridget Walsh, Gretchen Wuersch



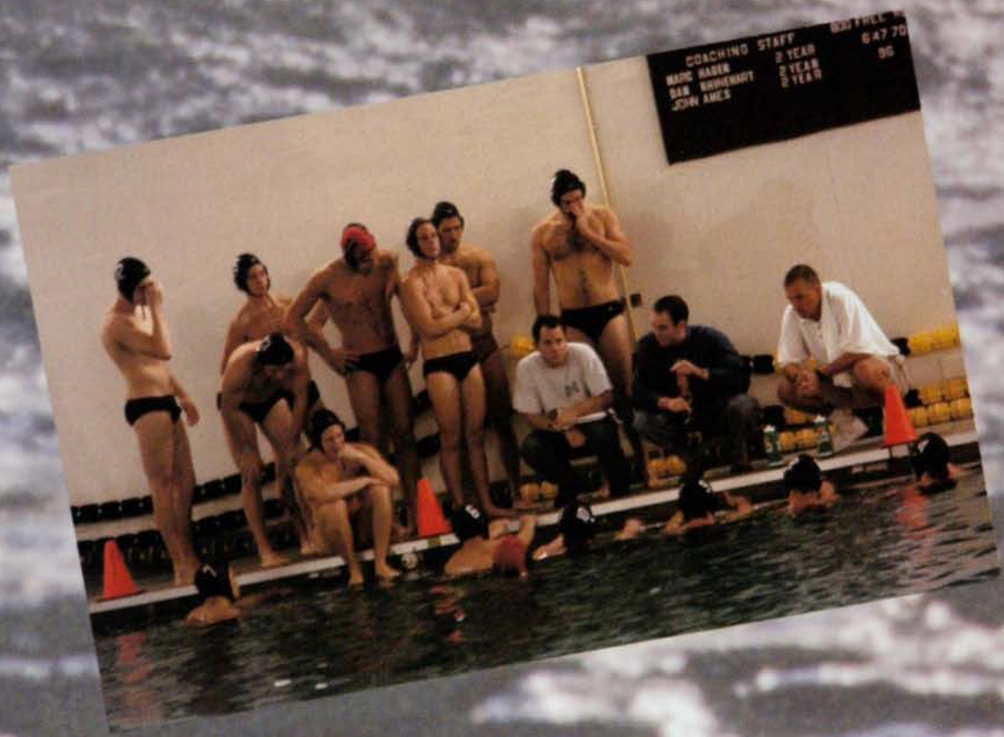




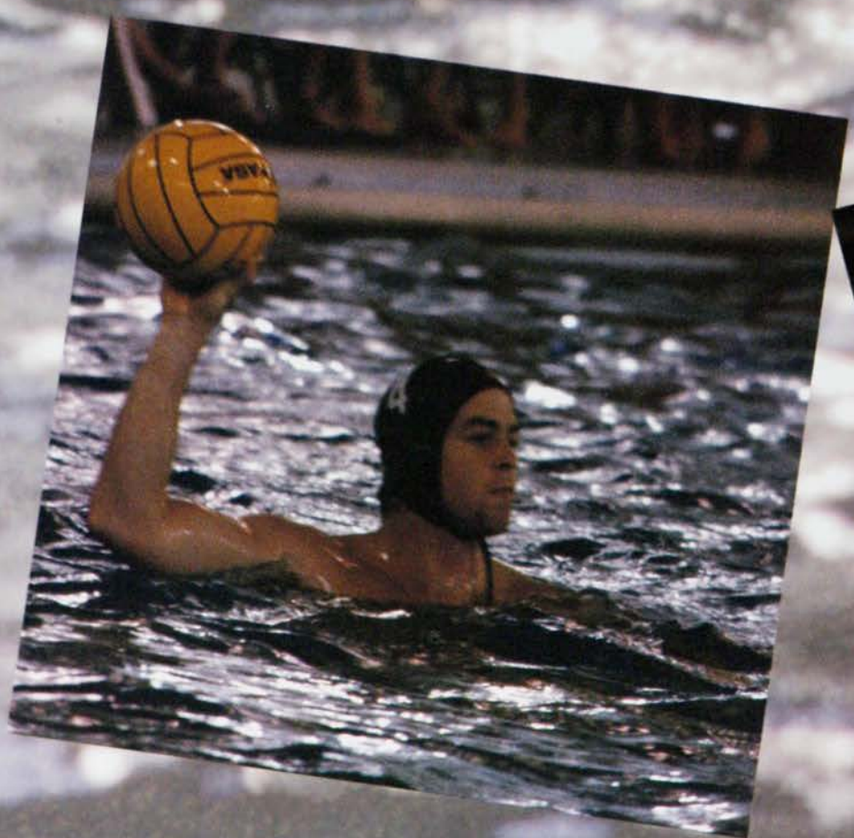


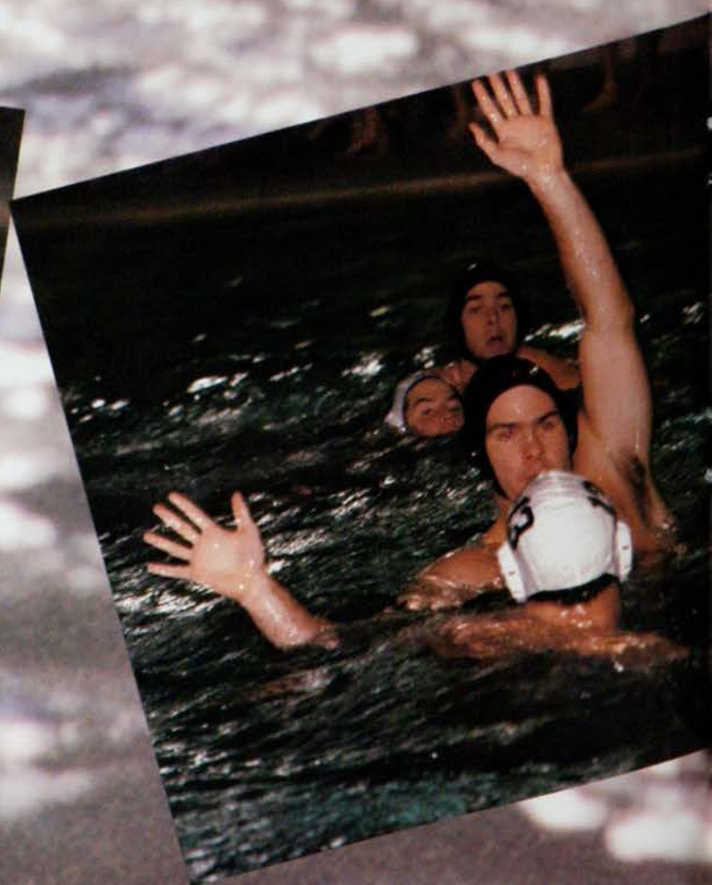


Conquering



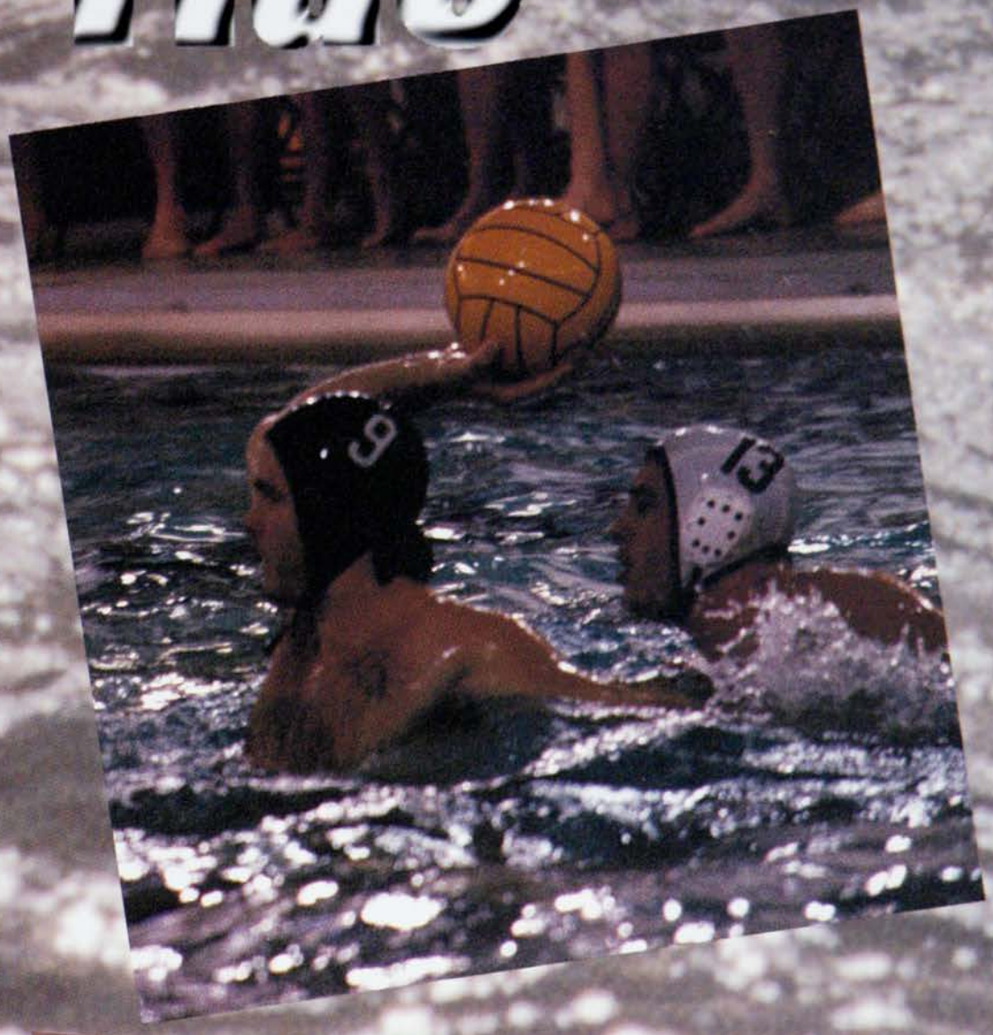






the Tide









GW Water Polo: Todd McConchie, Tony Paster, Rush Taylor, Brandon Stout, Peter Clifford, Todd Sprouse, Jeremy Yamamoto, Brent Stoll, Igor Prochazka, Dan Batten, Doug Maitz, Jovan Ilijic, Bill Blackburn, Chris Sterling, Micah Hauben, Carlos Nossa, David Oliver. Head Coach: Andy Turnage Assistant Coach: Trevor Rodin Manager: Ashley Hanks

New Kids on the BLOCK

Date	Opponent	Score
8/30	DePaul	3-0
8/30	Illinois-Chicago	3-2
8/31	Fresno State	0-3
8/31	Clemson	0-3
9/6	Arkansas	0-3
9/7	Stephen F. Austin	1-3
9/7	Arizona State	0-3
9/13	William & Mary	2-3
9/14	Maryland	0-3
9/17	Drexel	3-1
9/20	Temple	0-3
9/20	La Salle	3-0
9/21	Fordham	3-1
9/27	Virginia Tech	0-3
10/4	Xavier	3-2
10/5	Dayton	1-3
10/11	St. Bonaventure	3-1
10/12	Duquesne	0-3
10/18	Massachusetts	3-1
10/19	Rhode Island	1-3
10/23	#18 George Mason	0-3
10/25	Fordham	3-0
10/25	La Salle	3-0
10/26	Temple	1-3
10/30	Georgetown	3-1
11/1	Virginia Tech	1-3
11/8	Dayton	0-3
11/9	Xavier	1-3
11/15	St. Bonaventure	3-0
11/16	Duquesne	3-1
11/17	#21 Oral Roberts	0-3
11/23	Rhode Island	1-3
11/24	Massachusetts	2-3

Record: 13 wins, 20 losses



In retrospect, the 1995-1996 season was a tremendous achievement for the Colonial's women's volleyball team. The 95-96 season saw records broken and victory after victory during one of the most successful seasons for GW's women's volleyball. In fact, in their past two seasons, GW volleyball had amassed a combined record of 62 wins and only 10 losses, boasting an incredible winning percentage of 86%.

The 1996-1997 season was not as successful for GW and was at times trying for the Colonials. This year's team had only three seniors on the squad after losing 6 letter winners from last year's team. The exodus of experienced players meant that this season the team would have to depend heavily on their sophomores and freshmen. Inconsistency—the result of a young team—would plague the Colonials all season long.

The team began the season with success when the Colonials grabbed two solid victories over DePaul and the University of Illinois-Chicago. Unfortunately, the Colonials dropped their next seven contests. It was a disastrous stretch that would impact the whole season.

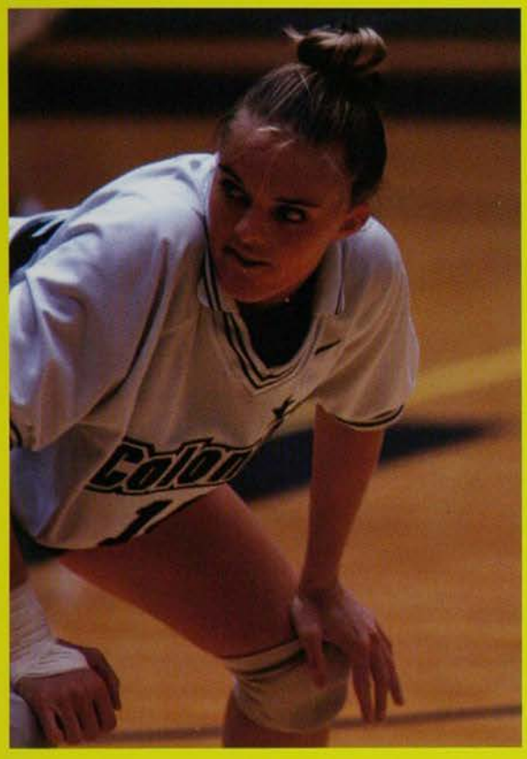
In order for the 1996-1997 season to be a success, the sophomores and freshmen on this team had to step up their efforts. Sophomores Crystal Aikens and Tai Bethune, as well as freshmen Theresa Ridder, Anne Fitzgerald, and Muge Pars, saw significant playing time during the season. But as with any young team, it took a while for the Colonials team to jell. Early in the season, the Colonials committed many miscues due to a lack of focus and communication among team members. During the season, Aikens displayed her tremendous talent, but like the rest of the team, she was unsure of herself.

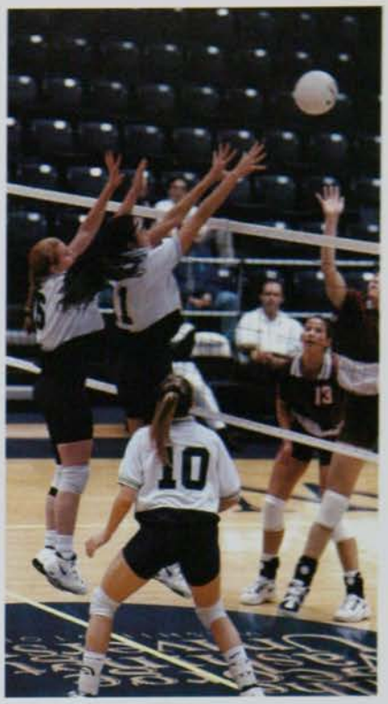
On the 4th of October, the Colonials had Parent's night, during which the player's parents were saluted in a ceremony before the match against Xavier. Playing before their parents and a handful of spectators, the Colonials played a match that was indicative of their season. They lost the first set 9-15 to the Musketeers after falling behind in the set 7-2. Xavier took advantage of GW's inability to get their serves in. Xavier also continued to serve towards Bethune, who had a hard time in the early part of the season handling the opposition's serves. GW also lost the second match

GAME, SET, MATCH

Senior Kate Haubenreich's saw a lot in her four years at GW. In three of her four years at GW, the Colonials advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament bowing out to top caliber teams in hard fought contests. In her rookie season, Haubenreich was named freshman of the week four times, led the A-10 in assists, made the A-10 all tournament team, and was second team All-conference. It didn't take long for the setter from Houston, Texas to make an impression at GW. Haubenreich described her time at GW as a "wonderful experience." That is the type of classic understatement you could expect from this classy young woman. Haubenreich was grateful for her experience at GW. "As well as getting a wonderful education, I got to travel all over the country and I learned discipline and I learned things that I'll be able to use for the rest of my life." She more than contributed to GW volleyball in her career and leaves with the record for most career assists, surpassing Tracy Webster's former record of 3,838 assists. "I felt great about that(establishing a new record). It was a goal that I had set freshman year." What are Haubenreich's plans for the moment? She's uncertain of what the future holds and wants to get into coaching volleyball somewhere in the future, but she is appreciative of her teammates here at GW especially her fellow seniors Heather McNab and Anna Krimmel. " I love'em and I'm gonna miss'em but we'll still remain friends."

By Christopher Goldson

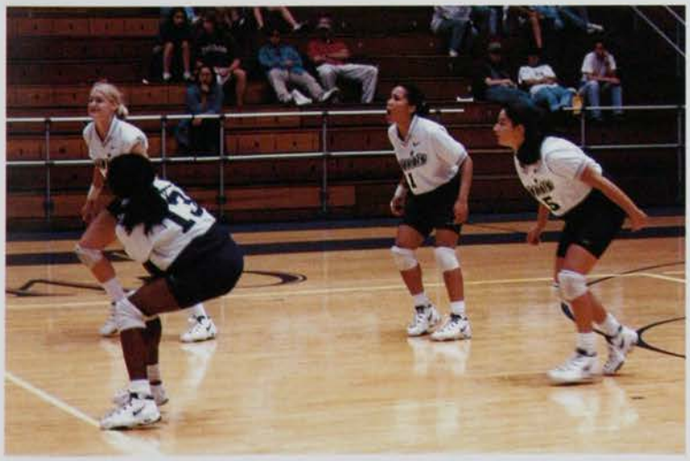




Muge Pars and Anna Krimmel go for the block.



Senior Heather McNab focuses on the ball as she sets to serve.



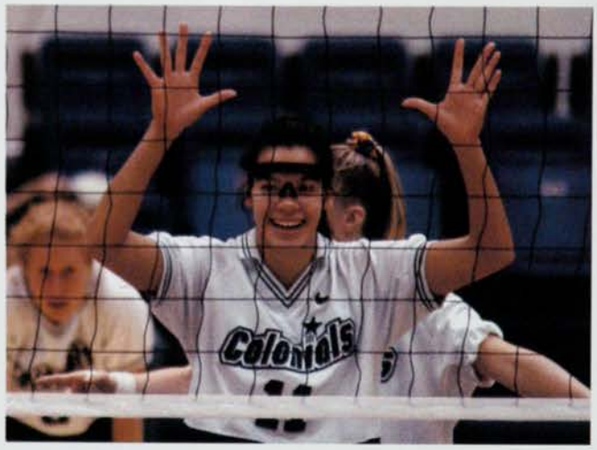
Crystal Aikens and Theresa Ridder look on as Tai Bethune prepares to receive the ball.



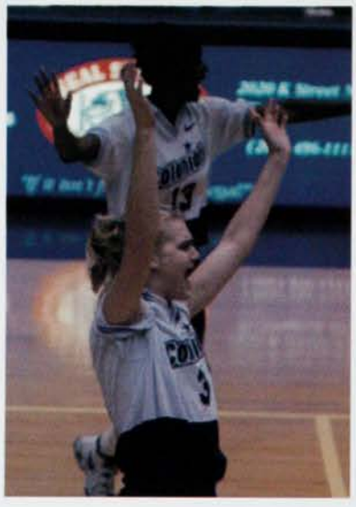
Anne Fitzgerald, Crystal Aikens, and Anna Krimmel perpare to attack.

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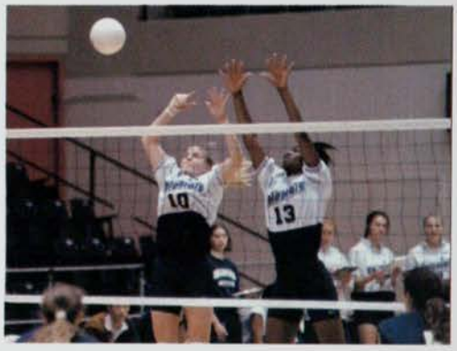
9-15 after a brief rally that saw Aikens put away two consecutive kills to pull the Colonials as close as 7-8. GW then rallied to win the final 3 sets to take the match in an amazing show of determination. Anna Krimmel played impressively during this match. She asserted her leadership, pushing her teammates and inspiring them to defeat a tough Xavier team. The Colonials scored eight straight points while taking the third set. By the start of the fourth set, GW's confidence was on the rise and there was little Xavier could do to stop them as they rolled in the next two sets 15-9 and 15-10.



The next night, the Colonials ran into a Dayton squad(14-2, 6-0) who were undefeated in the Atlantic-10. The Colonials came out strong and took the first set of the match. But Dayton responded well. The Flyers mauled them in the second set 15-4, and also the third and fourth sets: 9-15 and 12-15.



When LaSalle paid a visit to the Smith Center late in October, the Colonial team resembled a slightly different one than the one they had played in September. The faces hadn't changed, but their playing style had. The Colonials team had grown confident, and they had cut down drastically on their mistakes. Muge Pars, a freshman from Turkey, who played on her country's national team gave the Colonials a legitimate outside hitter. Her tremendous shots gave GW a threat that they had lacked previously. The game against LaSalle was a difficult one but highlighted how much this team had changed. In the first set, it took tremendous plays by crafty senior setter Kate Haubenreich and great blocks by Tai Bethune to give the Colonials the set 16-14. The Colonials were too powerful for the Explorers in the second. In this game, what GW lacked in physical talent, they made up for by playing intelligently.



As the season progressed and the women became more confident, their play began to reflect their potential. It became evident that their play was much better than where they started during the season, but there were still areas to improve. In victories over Fordham and Georgetown, the team showed it had reached a point where it could beat teams that had a record comparable to their own. But in their Senior Day match against Rhode Island, the Colonials lost to one of the better teams in the conference. Rhode Island entered the game with a 27-6 overall record, going 17-1 in the A-10. Senior Day was time to say good-bye to seniors Kate Haubenreich, who set a new GW record for assists in a career during the season, Anna Krimmel, and Heather McNab, who returned for her senior season though limited by a knee injury. Haubenreich's influence throughout the season was not only felt as a setter but an example to the rest of the team through her hard work. An excellent example of this was her save on a wayward return of serve by Tai Bethune. Haubenreich ran behind her team's bench to get to the ball, and GW went on to win the sideout. Rhode Island went on to win the match. Haubenreich had a great match regardless, setting up many opportunities for the Colonial hitters, as well as contributing through her great net play.

Questions still linger over the Colonials team's success for the next season. Who will replace Haubenreich in the middle? Who will emerge as the next team leader? This year was a tough one for the young Colonials team. But the experience gained and the lessons learned will play an invaluable part when these Colonials return to their old form and once again reign terror in the A-10.

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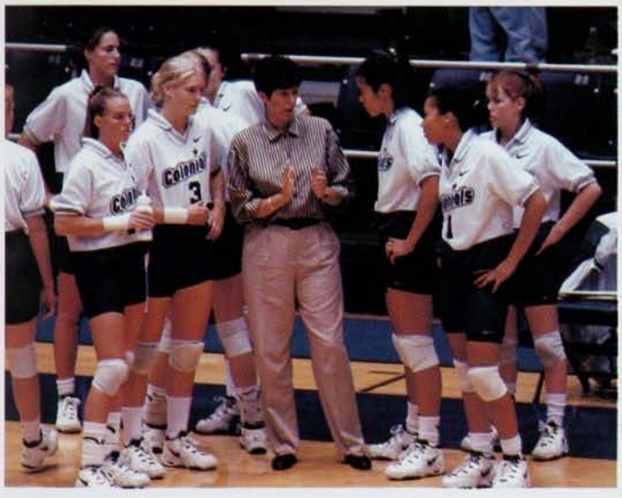


Head Coach Susie Homan's seventh season at GW was a challenge throughout. Homan, a native of Nebraska, provided valuable guidance and instruction to help the young Colonial team endure the peaks and valleys of the 1996-1997 season. Here's a brief glimpse of Coach Homan as she worked the sidelines...

















Women's Volleyball

From left to right: Head Coach Susie Homan, Asst. Toby Rens. Angela Vitale, Anne Fitzgerald, Muge Pars, Sharon Chinault, Tai Bethune, Mya Eveland, Heather McNab, Anna Krimmel, Theresa Ridder, Reilly Starr, Crystal Akens, Kate Haubenreich, Manager Mary Hicks, Trainer Jackie Jenkins

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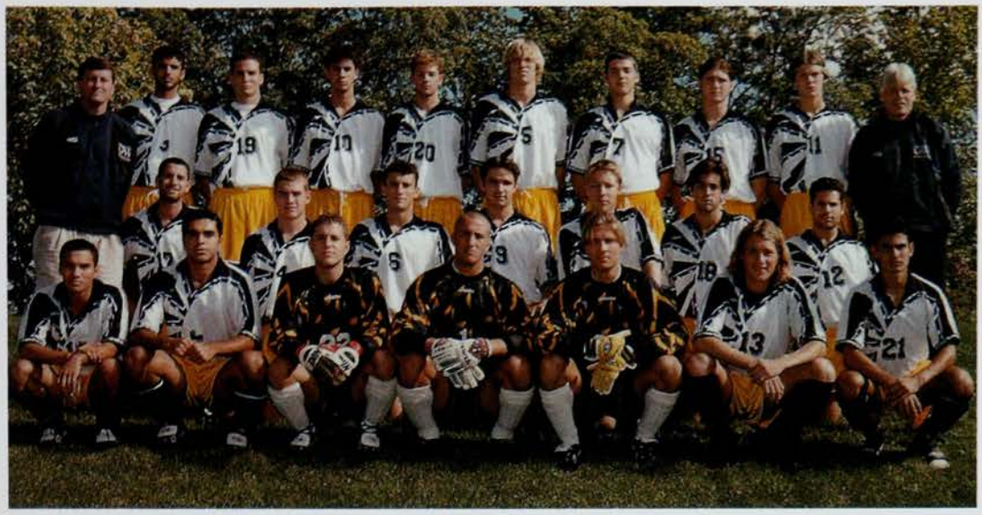
ON THE FIELD...

How many of you could identify the significance of South Riding Field to the GW community? Okay for those of you who do not know, South Riding Field is the home of GW soccer. Located in a developing suburban community in Virginia, South Riding Field is the home field for the men's and women's soccer teams. Men's Soccer Coach George Lidster and his charges took to the field at South Riding, intent on carrying on the tradition of excellence that GW soccer had achieved. The 1996-1997 season was a great experience for all involved.

Coming into the season, much was expected from the men's soccer team. The Colonials' season looked promising with several key players returning and an outstanding class of recruits. Returning for the Colonials season, seniors Matt Ferry and Ricky Reid added leadership and guile to a team that was relatively young. Leading the recruits were sensational international grown players, such as Sebastian Rogriquez and Omar Sigtryggsson.

The season began with a bang as GW raced out to a 3-0 record before losing a close 1-0 contest to George Mason. The Colonials got off to a quick 5-2 start before the pressures of the season began

UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S SOCCER



Back: Assistant Coach John McNamara, Alex Guerreiro, Josh Beame, Sebastian Rodiguez, Maarty Williams, Matt Ferry, Ben Hatton, Brian BulKowshi, Ben Ferry, Head Coach George Lidster
Middle Row: Andrew Drykerman, Craig Jones, Ben Digger, Omar Sigtryggsson, Simon ButterField, Evan Nierman, Tamir Young
Bottom Row: Hugo Alfaro, Ali Mesbahi, Dave Aman, Colin Berenhaut, Jamie Hadzima, Scott Zmrhal, Enque Reyes

to take their toll. Sebastian Rodriquez provided a spark leading the team in scoring at this point with six goals and two assists. The Colonials dropped their next four games, all A-10 contests. They recovered to finish the season with a 6-0-1 record but were unable to secure a bid to the NCAA tournament, which was won by St.John's University.

Top stories for the season included the splendid play of Ben Ferry and Rodriguez. They finished one-two in scoring for the Colonials. Ferry led the Colonials in assists with 16. Rodriquez lead in goals with 9, including three game winners. Sigtryggson only played in eight of the Colonials games, but scored 7 goals.



Overall, the Colonials season typified the effort put forth by previous teams under the guidance of Head Coach Lidster. Since taking over the men's soccer program in 1987, Lidster has led a resurgence in the men's soccer program through shrewd recruiting and game planning. Under his guidance and leadership for the past 10 years, Colonial soccer has seen many accomplishments, including winning their first NCAA tournament game and winning the A-10 championship.

Overall, the soccer team compiled a 6-3 home record at South Riding during the 1996 season. If Coach Lidster had his way, the whole student body and the rest of the A-10 would have known where to find GW soccer and South Riding field.

Shannon's Army:

By Chris Goldson

When the women's soccer team opened their season against the University of Maryland on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, they were not prepared for what happened. The University of Maryland's women's soccer team ranked number ten in the pre-season soccer polls. The Colonials expected a tough match but the 5-0 defeat was a shock. The MarylandTerrapins were led by Keri Sarver who scored three goals in that contest. The Terrapins ended the game with five goals on eight shots to down the Colonials. GW did not even manage to get a corner kick during the game. Yet only a few months later, the Colonials once again found themselves in College Park to face the Terrapins in an important NCAA 1st round game.

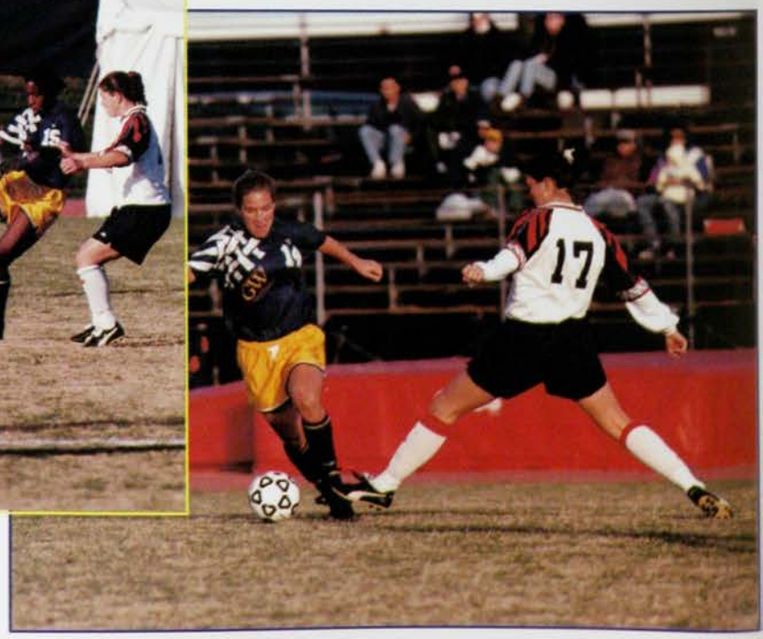


In the few months between their first and second encounters with the Terrapins, the Colonial women showed a lot of grit and determination. They compiled a regular season record of 10-6-4. In the process, the colonials would record the school's first victory ever over 10th-ranked Virginia and achieved a national ranking of 18,as the women blasted away opponents during a torrid stretch in October and November. The Colonials fought through a tough early season before they could hit their stride. For the Colonial Women to overcome there dreadful starts, certain players would have to step up to assist Tanya Vogel and Chemar Smith in their war against the soccer universe.

After the shellacking by the Terrapins, the Colonials recovered to trounce Monmouth 5-0, but then dropped matches against Villanova and Clemson. Then the Colonials righted themselves, winning four straight games over Dayton, Xavier, La Salle, and Duquesne. Then they dropped a game to James Madison University by a score of 3-1. After this

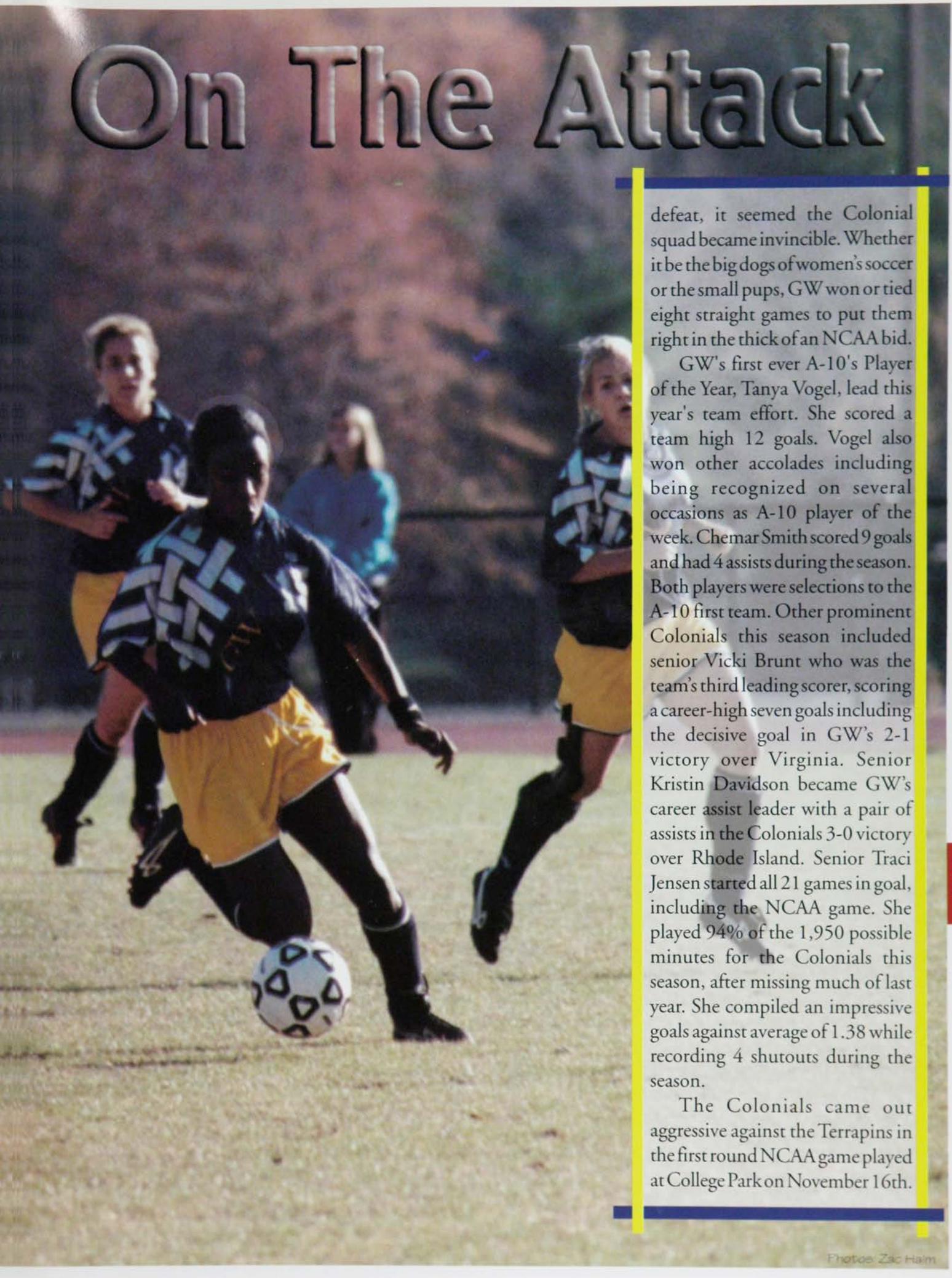






above: A GW defender clears the ball away from a Terrapin forward.
center: Chemar Smith gains control of the ball during the NCAA tournament.
right: Jennifer Vogel presses the attack against Maryland.

On The Attack

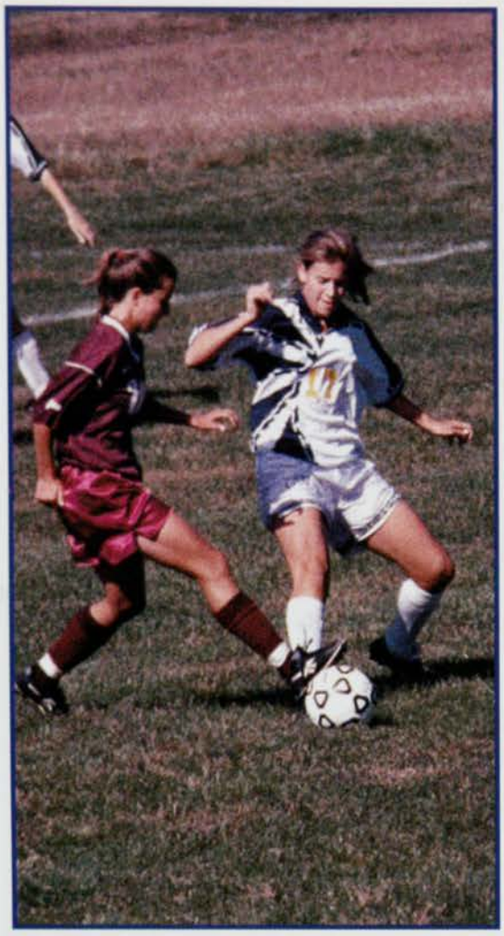


defeat, it seemed the Colonial squad became invincible. Whether it be the big dogs of women's soccer or the small pups, GW won or tied eight straight games to put them right in the thick of an NCAA bid.

GW's first ever A-10's Player of the Year, Tanya Vogel, lead this year's team effort. She scored a team high 12 goals. Vogel also won other accolades including being recognized on several occasions as A-10 player of the week. Chemar Smith scored 9 goals and had 4 assists during the season. Both players were selections to the A-10 first team. Other prominent Colonials this season included senior Vicki Brunt who was the team's third leading scorer, scoring a career-high seven goals including the decisive goal in GW's 2-1 victory over Virginia. Senior Kristin Davidson became GW's career assist leader with a pair of assists in the Colonials 3-0 victory over Rhode Island. Senior Traci Jensen started all 21 games in goal, including the NCAA game. She played 94% of the 1,950 possible minutes for the Colonials this season, after missing much of last year. She compiled an impressive goals against average of 1.38 while recording 4 shutouts during the season.

The Colonials came out aggressive against the Terrapins in the first round NCAA game played at College Park on November 16th.

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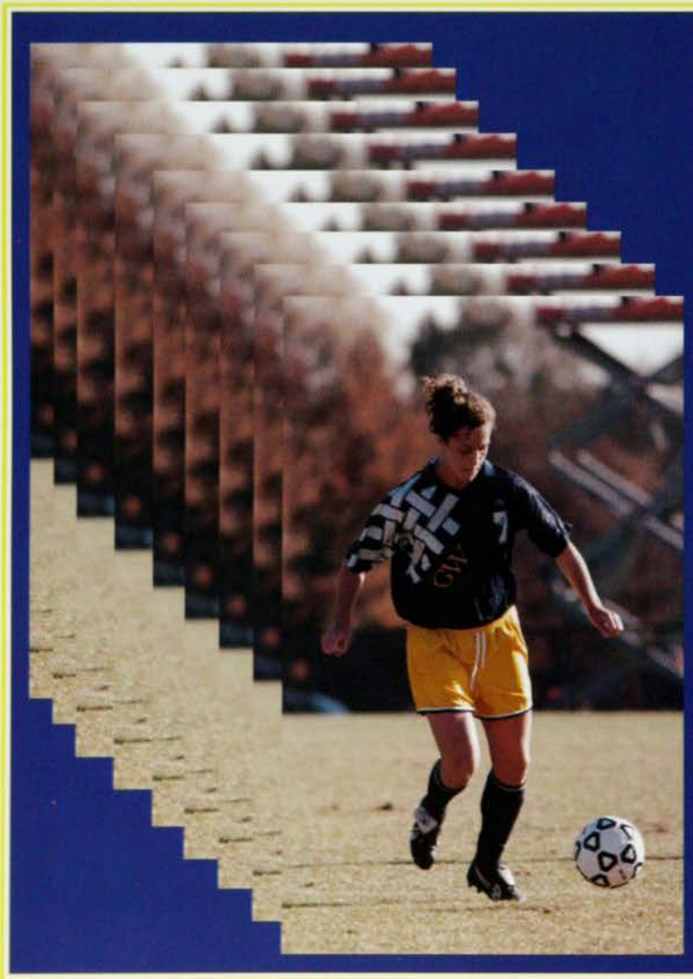


Senior Colleen Pollard gets in the way of a UMASS forward to break up the rush.

They pressed the attack for the first ten minutes cheered on by a contingent of GW fans who were rambunctious throughout the game, constantly encouraging the Colonials onward. Then Maryland began a steady counteract for most of the rest of the half, pressuring the GW defense. GW Junior Kristin Robertson made a great sliding tackle in the GW penalty box area to knock the ball away from a Terrapin forward. Junior Carrie Sellers also made a great defense play to keep the game scoreless. With two Terrapins bearing down on her, she made a desperate tackle which knocked the ball back into Colonial possession and denying Maryland on their best chance during the first half. At the 28-minute mark, Tanya Vogel had an opportunity at the top of the Terrapin penalty box but missed the net. Maryland counteracted, and Jensen had to make a great leaping one-handed save, punching the ball over the crossbar.



Vickie Brunt streaks up the field.
below left: GW and Maryland players fight for the ball.



Tanya Vogel: Makin' it Look Easy

By Christopher Goldson

How do you get to be named A-10 "Player of the Year" in women's soccer? It takes a lot of guts, drive, and hard work. Those were some of the reasons that GW's Tanya Vogel was recognized as the 1996 receipient of that distinguished award, becoming the first GW player ever to capture the award. It also takes some talent and skill. And Vogel, a midfielder out of Penfield,NY, has proven that she has the talent and skill. The leading scorer for the Colonials in 1996 with 12 goals and 25 overall points, the 5'6" dynamo provided for the Colonials during the season and her career. Other awards earned this season include A-10 Player of the Week (3 times) and membership in *Soccer America's* team of the week (2 times). She leaves GW as the fifth highest scorer in Colonials history with 52 career points(21goals and 10 assists). Vogel also made the A-10 All-conference team. There were many firsts for the GW women soccer team in 1996, of which Vogel played an instrumental part.

The Colonials had several impressive opportunities to score in the closing minutes but missed some shots and had others turned back on spectacular saves by Maryland goalkeeper Missy Price. The score at half-time was 0-0.

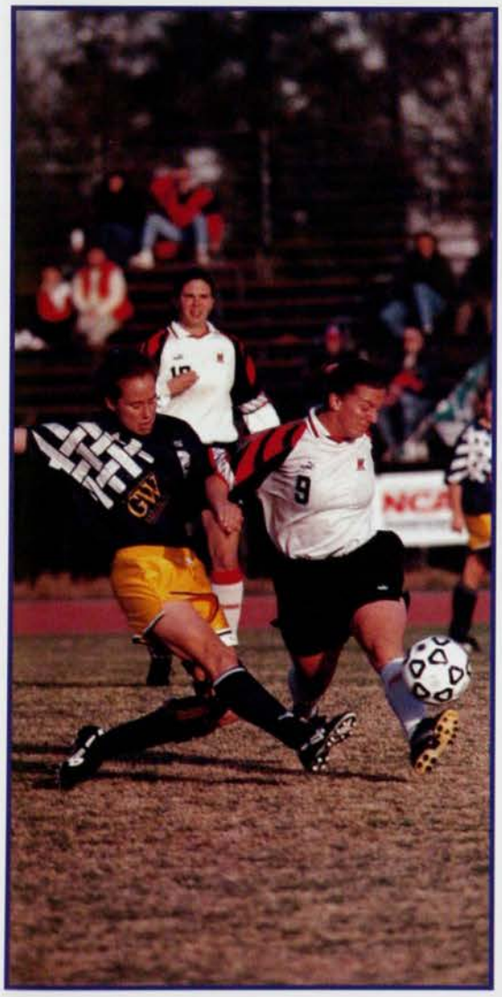
The second half began with Maryland on the prowl. Jensen made another great play, snaring a hard shot in mid-air. But that only alleviated the pressure momentarily. Maryland finally broke through in the 51st minute when sophomore Ebby Harbo scored off a rebound. After the goal, GW turned up the offensive tempo. Several times, they came within inches of connecting on that breakaway pass that would have tied the score. The Colonials could not take advantage of the breakaways or of many other opportunities. GW was frustrated by the Terrapin defense. With all of the Colonials' efforts concentrated on scoring, Maryland had several opportunities on the counter attack and in the last 3 minutes of the game, Maryland's Keri Sarver scored to seal the 2-0 Maryland victory.

The 1996-1997 season went full circle for the Colonials. Between visits to College Park, the Colonials learned a lot about themselves on and off the field, which only helped them to gain an NCAA bid. This season was one of the most successful seasons ever for the program, and the near future seems brighter.

The Colonial women deserve congratulations for a great season on the field in 1996-1997.



Women's Soccer: Shane Tankersley, Malynda Nichol, Rima Sidhu, Amy Pederson, Kristy McDonnell, Traci Jenson, Carri Sellers, Trista Ungerer, Vicky Brunt, Katy Roman, Kristen Davidson, Selin Yavalar, Alyssa Newman, Lauren Komar, Katy McQuillin, Carina Sonberg, TanyaVogel, Sara Blanchard, Jen Vogel, Courtney Pollard, Jane Anderson, Kristin Robertson, Chemar Smith, Michele Rodriguez-Smith (Coach), Shannon Higgins-Cirovski (Head Coach)



Date	Opponent	Score
9/4	Maryland	L 0-5
9/8	Monmouth	W 5-0
9/13	Villanova	L 3-4
9/14	Clemson	L 0-2
9/20	Dayton	W 3-2
9/22	Xavier	W 2-1
9/27	La Salle	W 7-1
9/29	Duquesne	W 5-0
10/2	James Madison	L 1-3
10/6	Massachusetts	T 2-2 (ot)
10/9	William and Mary	W 1-0
10/12	Rhode Island	W 3-0
10/15	Virginia	W 2-1
10/19	Virginia Tech	W 1-0
10/23	George Mason	T 2-2 (ot)
10/26	Fordham	T 1-1 (ot)
10/29	Delaware	W 2-1 (ot)
11/1	Northwestern	L 0-1
11/3	Wisconsin	T 2-2
11/8	Massachusetts (A-10 semifinal)	L 0-1
11/16	Maryland (NCAA Tournament)	L 0-2
		Overall 10-7-4

Life in the Fast Lane

By Christopher Goldson



Morven Park Cross Country Invitational-GMU
Men: 5th of 8
Women: 5th of 10

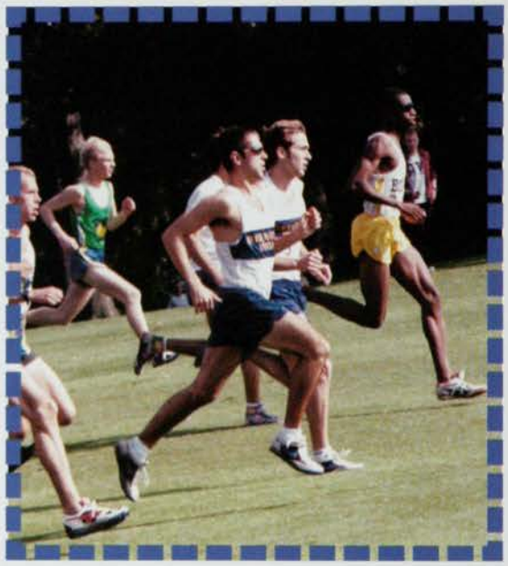
Maryland College Invitational
Men: 4th of 6
Women: 3rd of 5

Fordham Invitational
Men: 3rd of 15
Women: 5th of 15

Mount Saint Mary's Invitational
Men: 2nd of 12
Women: 5th of 14

Atlantic-10 Conference
Men: 7th of 11
Women: 7th of 10

In 1995, the men's and women's cross country teams finished seventh at the A-10 championships in Philadelphia. Likewise, in 1996, both teams again finished seventh at the A-10 championships. The men's team 1996 season was impressive. They finished 2nd out of twelve teams at the Mount Saint Mary's Invitational with top ten finishes by Senior John Hammond and Junior Jason Weber. " Jason Weber has been our leader most of the year. He was our first guy in three meets. John Hammond was our first guy in two meets.... they will help each other in races," Cross-Country head coach Greg Coan said. The women's team was equally exciting. The women were lead by the terrific duo of Lauren Edwards and freshman sensation Bridget Quenzer, who led a tremendous effort for the women. Bridget Quenzer finished second at the A-10 tournament, just 27 seconds behind the winner. This performance ended a sterling season for Quenzer who became the first runner in GW's history to win A-10 recognition as the conference's rookie of the year. "I think Bridget is in the mold of doing things right and practicing right and working hard," Coach Coan said of the freshman from Maryland.



Junior Lauren Edwards was hobbled with a foot injury during the season, which proved to be costly for the women's effort. "Lauren led us most of the early season and was running great and Bridget was right off her shoulder, but then Lauren hurt her foot so she missed a meet. Then she came back the next meet which was disastrous for her. At the A-10's she was on the comeback, but it still was not anywhere near what she was hoping for," said Coach Coan . Things were heading in the right direction for both teams which improved a great deal during the past three years. However, both teams' depth still were not there and that hampered the Colonials ability to run competitively with top teams such as Virginia Tech, UMass, and St. Joseph's. " We're slowly getting better but we have got to run better at the A-10's and we haven't done that. We should have been in the top five with both teams and we should next year be challenging to be in the top three with the women," Coach Coan said. Next year both teams will remain basically the same. The men will lose Senior John Hammond and the women will lose Senior Captain Nikki Hutt. The core of both teams will remain intact for next year ,so big things are expected from the Colonials. " We want to be in there running with those (top) teams," coach Coan said.

GW men burst out of the block at the University of Maryland.

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team photos: Zeki Gokce



MEN'S TEAM: *(front)* Coach Greg Coan, Kyu Rhee, Jason Weber, Geoff Craig, Dan Uriano, Tim Assal; *(back)* Kirk Merritt, Jeff McCarthy, John Hammond, Eric Brousseau, Josh Wetmore, Zac Grunko, Matt Hopcroft, Asst. Coach Craig Ann Lake



WOMEN'S TEAM: *(front)* Jennifer Geiger, Lauren Edwards, Nicole Hohler, Bridget Quenzer, Caren Hill, Lisa Faia; *(back)* Coach Greg Coan, Amanda Roebel, Courtney Bellows, Tarra Short, Nikki Hutt, Sarah Rozensky, Asst. Coach Craig Ann Lake

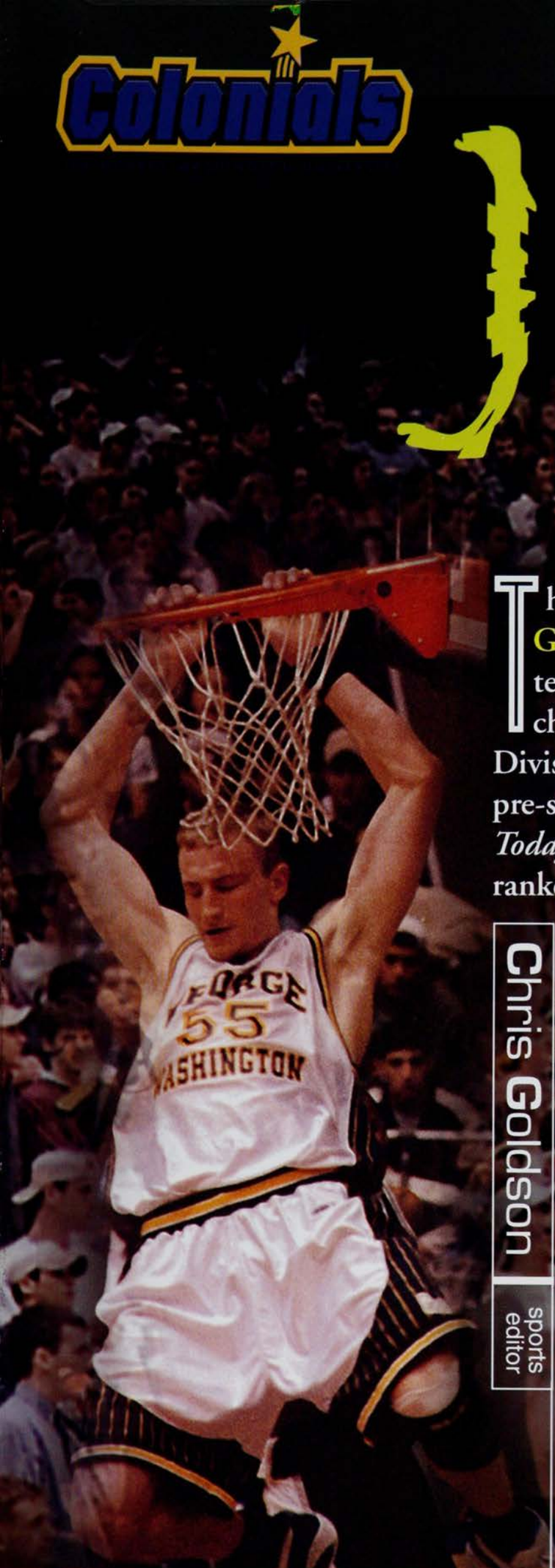


GW women go for an early morning run.

GEORGE
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Colonials

JAM!



Through the offseason, expectations for George Washington's men's basketball team mounted. A-10 media unanimously chose GW to win the Atlantic 10's West Division. GW was voted number 24 in the pre-season AP poll and number 25 in the *USA Today/CNN* coaches poll. Sports Illustrated ranked GW as the 15th best team in the country going into the season while Lindy's ranked them as the 5th best team in the nation. Alexander Koul was selected for 17 different individual honors including the Best NBA Prospect according to Sporting News.

Chris Goldson
sports editor

It turned out that GW's dream season was yet to be. Inconsistent play and the lack of perimeter shooting plagued the Colonials all season. Head Coach Mike Jarvis once said, "If you play well, you play long. You don't play, well you don't play long." When they took on Texas Tech, Tech's sophomore guard Stan Bonewitz shot the lights out for the Red Raiders as they cruised to a 84-75 victory over GW. The loss halted GW's 14 game winning streak at the Smith Center. Their next big test came against cross-town rival, Maryland. GW found itself in trouble when with about 15 minutes left in the game, Koul, Yegor Merscherakov and Shawnta Rogers found themselves on the bench with four fouls



Front Row: Alexander Koul, Seco Camara, J.J. Brade, Ferdinand Williams, Rasheed Hazzard, Shawnta Rogers, Darin Green Back Row: Jackson Payne, Francisco de Miranda, Yegor Mescheriakov, Kinte Smith, Andrei Krivonos.



Right: Junior Alexander Koul holds an intimidating presence on the court. Koul blocked 146 shots by the end of his junior year, beating the old career record by six blocks. Below: The Colonials battle LeSalle on the Smith Center court.



each. J.J Brade picked up the slack for the Colonials on the floor, handling point guard duties, but fouled out with 11 minutes on the clock. Keith Booth and the Maryland Terrapins came out fired up and exploited GW's foul problems to secure a 74-68 win—and during homecoming weekend, to boot!

GW's biggest game of the year was it's perennial classic against UMass. GW came out in the first half, led in scoring by Merscherakov with 9 points, which helped build a 10-point lead. Mescheriakov continued into the second half, hitting a jumper and dunking an inbound pass to sustain the lead.

But UMass battled back and tied the game at the 12:50 mark with a three pointer by Charlton Clarke. GW came within a point of the Minutemen with 1:15 to go, but Umass held out for the 68-63 win.

GW's season was plagued by poor shooting. Against Mississippi State, GW shot 32% from the field. Against LaSalle, an embarrassing 26% from the field and just 12% of their three point attempts. Against Virginia Tech, GW made only thirteen field goals for the game. This inability to put the ball through the net handicapped GW as well as a tough season put in by Koul.

"Alexander has been under a tremendous amount of pressure this year with all the early season All-American hype....It's a lot more difficult for big people to be really good at this game unlike what most people think and that's why there are so very few good big people playing the game," Coach Jarvis said in regards to Koul's season.

Sophomores Shawnta Rogers and Yegor Merscherakov had break through

seasons. Merscherakov scored a career-high 31 points in an overtime win over LaSalle and led the team in scoring on the season, averaging 16.5 points and 6.2 boards.

Whether inside or outside, in the low post or off the dribble, Merscherakov put two on the board in a variety of ways. Rogers led the team in minutes, playing about 36 minutes per contest. Rogers was also third on the team in scoring (12.8) and rebounding (5.8) while leading in assists. Hopefully, the lessons learned this season will pay dividends when the Smith Center opens for the 1997-1998 basketball season.

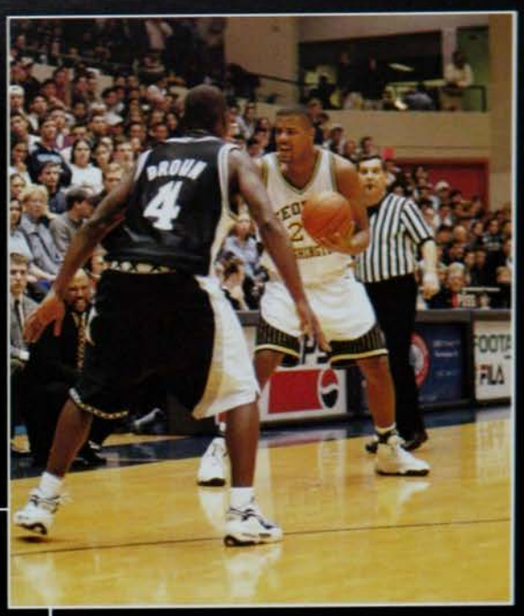
Season Record

Holy Cross	86-56
Boston U.	73-68
South Florida	77-65
Texas Tech	75-84
American U.	71-51
Mississippi St.	57-36
Maryland	68-74
Kansas	56-85
UNC Charlotte	69-76
Fordham	86-66
St. Bonaventure	63-74
Duquesne	69-55
St. Joseph	53-55
Dayton	59-38
Xavier	61-62
La Salle	56-52
Massachusetts	63-68
La Salle	78-77
Virginia Tech	43-45
Old Dominion	68-63
Xavier	76-87
Duquesne	90-56
Virginia Tech	69-52
Temple	59-71
Rhode Island	72-83
Dayton	71-57
Massachussetts	58-49
St. Joseph	70-78
Michigan St.	50-65

Total Record

15 wins 14 losses

Right: Ferdinand Williams, the Colonials' only senior, challenges a Xavier defender with a menacing snarl. Williams was a fan favorite throughout his career. At his final home game on March 1 against Dayton, Williams received a standing ovation for a job well done.



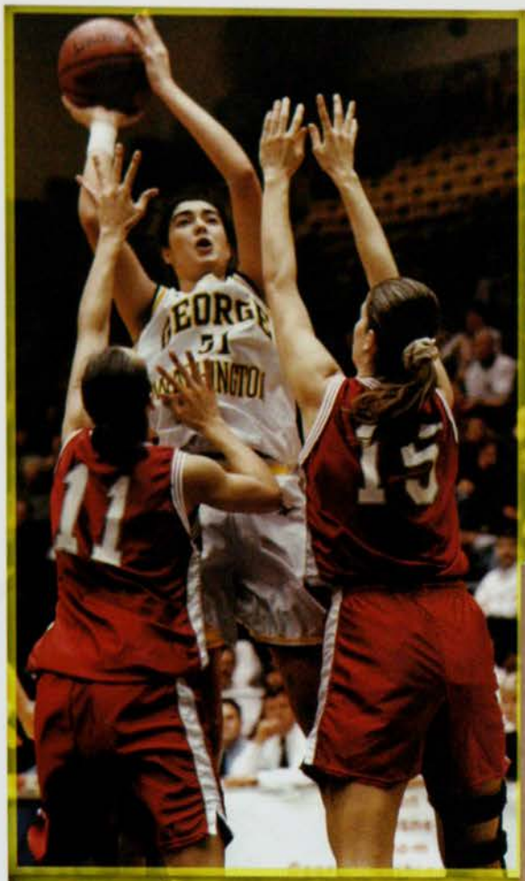


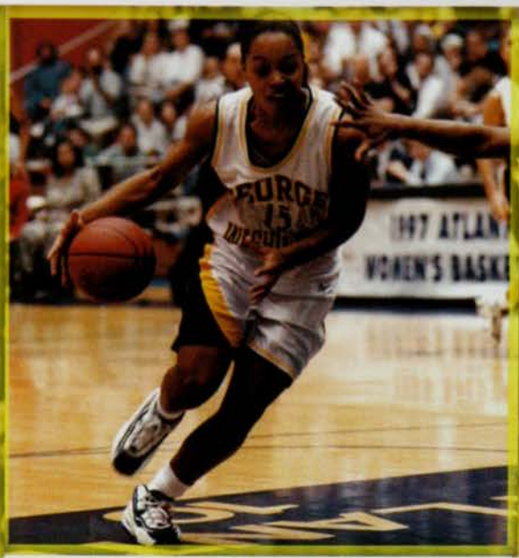
Left: Junior Darin Green tries his luck at the free throw line. Persistant back injuries prevented Green from playing up to par.
Below: Yegor Merscheriakov and Andrei Krivonos share some laughs before a game, as Alexander Koul looks on.

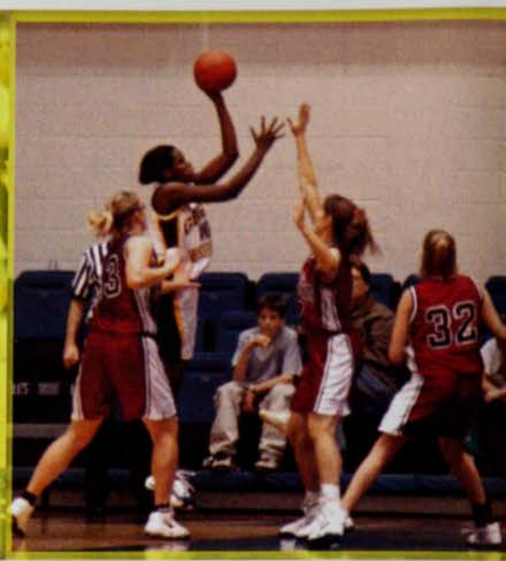


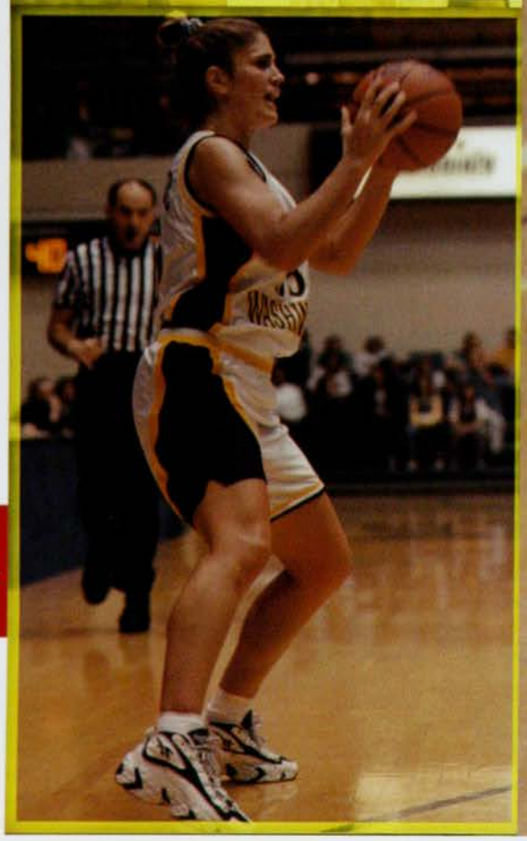


Left: J.J. Brade, Ferdinand Williams and Shawnta Rogers go all out on defense.









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The question facing the women's basketball team as the season began was how to top last season's success when they won the A-10 championship and a first round NCAA game. Could it be possible to top a season that included a 15-game winning streak? The answer that the team gave during the 1996-1997 seasom was a resounding YES. The Colonial women blew away the level of accomplishment from last year out of the water with a season that saw them drop only five contests, while winning 25 (excluding NCAA tournament results). GW achieved a national ranking of 18 in the polls late in February. And the Colonials went undefeated on their home court during the regular season for the second consecutive season. At one point in the season, the Colonials had a 22-game winning streak. They also went undefeated in the A-10 conference(16-0), a feat that produced hair raising results for Head Coach Joe McKeown, who had the record shaved into his head. The only disappointment for the ladies came during the A-10 tournament played at the Smith Center, when they lost in a close contest to St. Joe's, 59-56. As senior guard Colleen McCrea's last second three point attempt sailed wide, it marked the end of one of the most dominating periods of basketball in GW history. Thedefeat was sobering, but yet, when one reflects on the trials and tribulations that plagued this team earlier in the season and the way the Colonials bounced back to become one of the nation's great teams, it made the disappointment of St.Joe's a little less painful.

As October turned to November, the basketball season arrived at GW with little fanfare. The Colonial women were a banged-up group, with several key players, like Colleen McCrea, out with injuries. In their first game against nationally ranked Old Dominion, the team started two freshmen in the backcourt and struggled throughout. GW lost 70-44 in a game that was never close. Early on in the season,it was a struggle for the Colonials. Except the 68-65 win over Maine, where Tajama Abraham scored a career-high 33 points, the Colonials poor performance started to tarnish a team

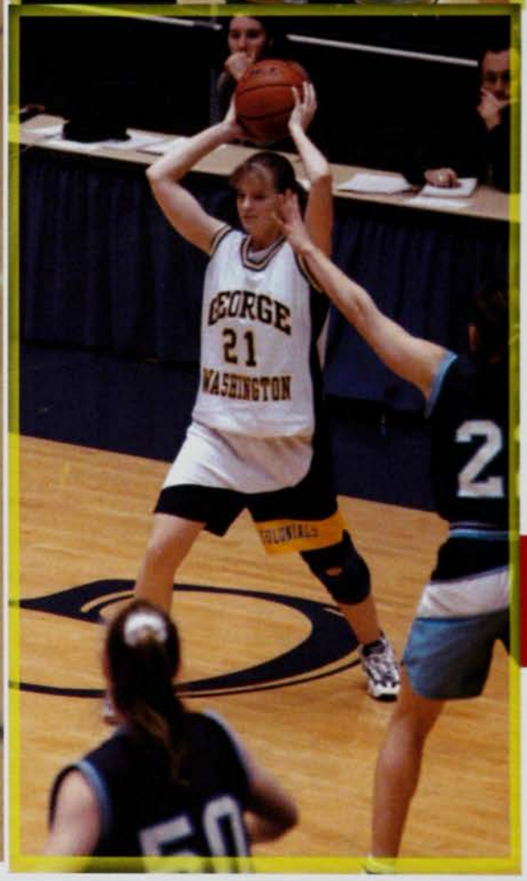
A Record Year: The 1996-97 Season

11/22/96	12/2/96	12/2/96	12/19/96	12/21/96
GW defeats Maine 68-65	GW loses at George Mason 59-64	GW loses at Penn State 61-75	GW wins 76-53 over UCLA	GW defeats Harvard 88-44









Dreams

BY CHRIS GOLDSON

that came into the season with many expectations. But the Colonials never gave up or gave in. After a loss on December 28th to #8 North Carolina State, the Colonials did not lose again until their loss to St. Joe's in early March. GW was simply dominating during that stretch. The Colonials won games by an average of 20 plus points.

One reason for this success was an intense, suffocating defense that took teams out of games by forcing mistakes. Fueled by their guards, especially the quick hands of McCrea and Marlo Egleston, and supported in the back by Abraham and superb junior forward Noelia Gomez, GW's defense shut down teams during every game. And when teams managed to get the ball upcourt against GW's aggressive full court press, there was always a hand in the face, or on the back, or somewhere applying pressure.

Another signifigant factor in GW's dominance had to be the play of all the women on the team. Every one stepped it up. Freshmen sensations Chasity Myers and Marlo Egleston contributed much in their first year at GW. Egleston played the point guard position like a seasoned pro, running the offense very efficiently. But most importantly, she keyed the defense. Egleston played a physical, in your face style of defense that kept the other side off balance. Myers was a solid defensive player but she gave GW another offensive threat. Myers was a slasher and driver and a constant threat in the open court. She started 27 of GW's 30 games. The poise and control displayed in her game was a sure sign of stardom that was recognized when she was named to the A-10's all-rookie team. Junior transfer Noelia Gomez first season of college basketball in the U.S was spectacular. Gomez, a native of Spain, provided an outstanding compliment to Tajama Abraham in the post. A player with many talents, Gomez was an offensive threat in many ways. She could spot up behind the arc, take the ball to the hoop off the dribble or post up on the blocks. A solid rebounder,

The Big Four Classic

12/28/96 loses to NC State 62-75

12/29/96 wins against Duke 54-48

1/4/97 defeats Princeton 62-42

1/6/96 83-57 victory over VA Tech

1/10/97 at St. Joe's, GW wins 84-71

1/12/97 defeats Temple 97-54

1/16/97 74-60 win at Dayton

1/18/97 wins at Xavier 88-60

1/21/97 82-44 victory at VA Tech

Gomez created a splash in her first year and was named the A-10 rookie of the year, made the second-team all conference and also the All-Rookie team. As one courtside observer noted, to GW's opponents she became the "pain from Spain".

GW's seniors were the engine that moved the train. Colleen McCrea, Lisa Cermignano, and A-10 player of the year Tajama Abraham provided the leadership and guidance to help move GW up to the next level from merely being a good team to being a dominant one. McCrea, though not an offensive minded player, was a defensive specialist. She constantly pressured the ball and disrupted the other team's offense. No other game exemplified her contributions to the Colonials better than the win over Western Kentucky. In the crucial first minutes, McCrea led the effort as GW forced 27 WKU turnovers. In an early 14-2 GW run, McCrea made two steals, had two assists, made a three-pointer and added a rebound—and that was before most of the fans were comfortably in their seats. Her play early on in the game set the tone for GW domination throughout. Her heart and grit though cannot be measured and though bothered by nagging injuries she still gave 110% every game. "We're a patient team. Our defense is so strong, I think we can beat teams," said McCrea. When asked to describe McCrea, Coach McKeown responded by saying Colleeen is an academic all-American and she's probably a Rhodes scholar candidate, if she would apply for things like that. She's one of the brightest players we've ever had." Senior Lisa Cermignano contributed a lot more than her incredible perimeter shooting. During the season, Cermignano became GW's all time leader in number of three pointers made while averaged over 12 points for the season. "I saw her in practice one day make 25 threes in a row," said Coach McKeown. Cermignano though brought more than shooting to the floor. She brought intensity to the court every single time and that is why she led the team in minutes played this year. There were many intangibles in Cermignano's game. She rebounded extremely well and was also a good ball handler, often leading the team upcourt. But it was her shooting that will be remembered best. Her accuracy took a lot of the pressure off the inside players and allowed them to dominate.







At one point in the season the Colonials had a 22 game winning streak.





Tajama Abraham put in another great season of basketball. She averaged over 20 points a contest, even though she was always the focus of the opponent's defense. Everybody knows where the ball is going and she walks through the door and she gets double teamed. I mean Tajama Abraham was. But what a life it is. Clearly, the superstar on the team, Abraham improved every aspect of her game during the season, from rebounding to dishing out assists. For someone with the a great excuse to relax, she took her game to another level and helped bring the whole team up at the same time.

This year it was a team effort. Everyone contributed in different ways, whether it was injured Vesna Perak on the bench encouraging her teammates or Dee Brown, Khadijas Deas, Mia Chiparus, and Tami McGlynn. Coach McKeown and the Colonials had a mission in 1996-1997, and they took to the maximum.

1/23/97 defeats Duquesne 94-56

1/25/97 84-52 win over La Salle

2/2/97 at UMASS, GW wins 83-61

1/29/97 defeats Rhode Island 81-45

2/4/97 97-57 win over St. Bonaventure

2/8/97 defeats W. Kentucky 88-63

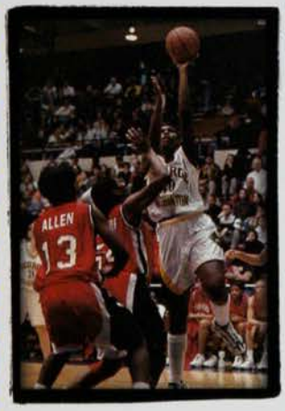
2/10/97 at Fordham, GW wins 59-35

A LEAGUE OF HER OWN

By Chris Goldson

To most people, a basketball court is an athletic venue, but for a few, it's more. For Tajama Abraham, the basketball court served as a canvas on which she practiced her art. And when she played the game of basketball, it was indeed an art form. Picture yourself as the opponent and your guarding Tajama. She catches the ball eighteen feet away from the hoop. You can a) give her the shot b)come out aggressively and try to shut her down or c) do nothing as she humiliates you.

First comes the ball fake, then the powerful first step to the hoop. Now TJ's in the lane, and you're in her sights. You think you've got her stopped but the funs only begun. TJ pump-fakes, does a sweet pivot, and banks home a lay-up with her right or left hand. Or she can use the hook shot, again lefty or righty. Many an opposing player have taken option C. As Head Coach Joe McKeown said, "She's one of the greatest players to ever play at GW." No need to be modest coach, she is the greatest. Let's take a look at her credentials.

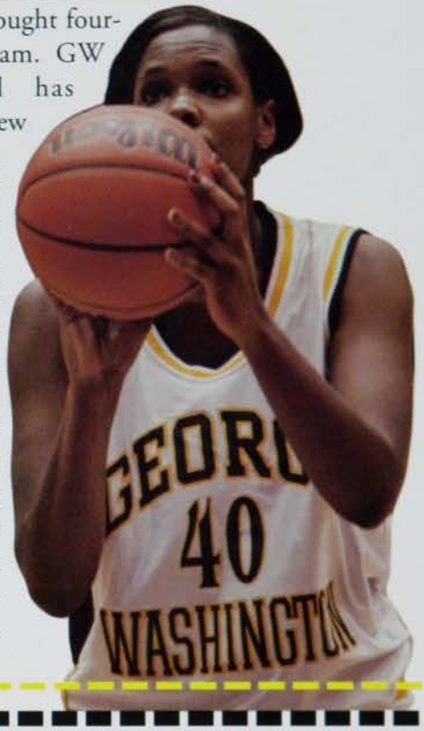


She leads GW women's basketball in scoring, blocks, single season scoring record, highest career scoring average, and was the first to score 2000 points in a career. As a freshman, she was A-10 rookie of the year and won either rookie of the week or player of the week six times. This season, she was A-10 player of the year and a District II All-American. She also made the first team All-Conference. And TJ was the engine that propelled the GW women to the elite eight in the NCAA tournament. You quickly get the idea: GW had a superstar on its hands.



When they hoist jersey #40 up on the Smith Center walls, as surely GW will do, it will commemorate a hard fought four-year career for Abraham. GW women's basketball has consistently achieved new heights in the 1990's, and each Colonial team has had a star such as Debbie Hemery, Darlene Saar, and others. It was these two players who passed the torch to T.J as they finished up their own excellent careers at GW. The torch has shined so brightly the past two years during TJ's reign that it might have to be retired. Apologies to Sasha Koul, Kwame Evans, and Hemery and Saar. There is only room for one greatest player ever. And at GW for the past four years, that was Tajama Abraham.







Women's Team: (front) Chastity Myers, Tami McGlynn, Colleen McCrea, Tajama Abraham, Lisa Cermignano, Starr Jefferson, Marlo Egleston; (back) Asst. Coach Monique Ambers, Asst. Coach Gabrielle Butler, Shannon Dolan, Noelia Gomez, Khadija Deas, D. Brown, Mandisa Turner, Mia Chiparus, Vesna Perak, Asst. Coach Margaret McKeon, Head Coach Joe McKeown

2/11/97 GW cracks the USA TODAY Top 25 as 23 GW sets a record of 16 consecutive wins

2/18/97 GW ranked as 18 in the USA TODAY Poll

2/13/97 defeats Xavier 81-64

2/15/97 wins against Dayton 73-42

2/17/97 defeats Georgetown 86-62

2/20/97 wins at La Salle 56-40

2/22/97 at Duquesne, GW wins 93-77

Making Herstory

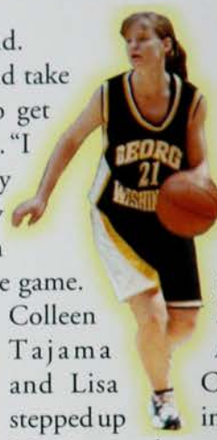
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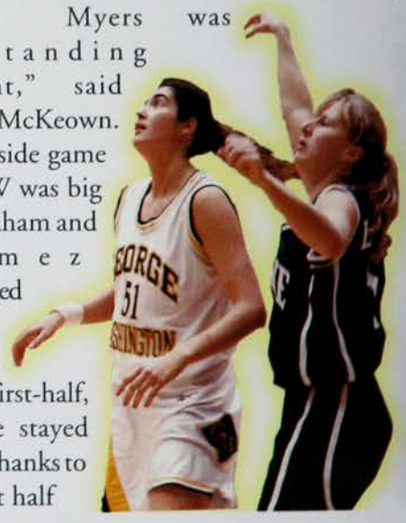
On March 15th, the Smith Center faithfully packed the arena to see the Colonials take on the Northwestern Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA tournament, marking the first time the women had taken their home floor since their emotional loss to St. Joe's. Asked if that loss was on their mind as they took the court, Senior Colleen McCrea gave a succinct reply, "We don't even talk about it (the loss)". Early on, sophomore Kristina Divjak scored five straight points for the Wildcats and GW Head Coach Joe McKeown called a quick twenty to settle down his troops. Noelia Gomez provided the spark that GW needed to get into the game by scoring back to back hoops. Then next trip down, T.J. Abraham hit a left-handed, semi-hook shot from the foul line area, GW only trailed by two at half-time 28-26. Things didn't look any brighter when 30 seconds into the half Noelia Gomez picked up her fourth foul and was pulled by Coach McKeown. The question on everyone's mind was how long coach McKeown was going to sit her. Northwestern effectively blocked off the inside game for GW, frustrating Abraham. But as Gomez sat, Northwestern refused to budge. At the 14 minute mark, coach McKeown put Gomez back in the game. Reflecting on the decision later he said"We were struggling and I knew she could help us offensively...Northwestern's defense was real solid." The move paid dividends almost immediately as Gomez scored back to back baskets as GW began to assert itself. Tajama Abraham followed with a lay-up, then a jumper by McCrea and before you knew it, the GW offense had awakened and the Colonials were up by ten points. Northwestern's game began to unravel. The Wildcats shot only 27% from the field in the first half and bad shooting plagued them in the second, as they shot a miserable 18%. "I thought we did a great job defending the three and I thought we did a great job on Ratay (Northwestern's leading scorer who was held to five points, 14 below her average)." GW pulled out the victory 61-46, as Gomez poured in 22 points (14 in the second half), to advance to face Tulane in the second round.





It would take a lot for these Colonials to get pass the Green Wave. "I felt like tonight my seniors really stepped up," Coach McKeown said after the game. Seniors Colleen McCrea, Tajama Abraham, and Lisa Cermignano stepped up in a big way. McCrea was the emotional spark for GW leading with her hustle and heart. Cermignano (who finished with 15 points, 5-8 from the field) hit two threes back-to-back early to put GW up 14-3, minutes into the game.Tulane fought back. Then GW came right back as Chasity Myers leaped onto the floor to grab the loose ball for an easy two by Abraham. "Chasity Myers was outstanding tonight," said Coach McKeown. The inside game for GW was big as Abraham and Gomez combined for 41 points. In the first-half, Tulane stayed close, thanks to 17 first half





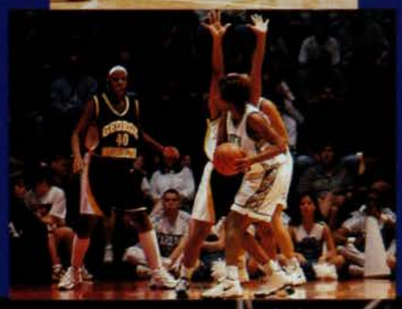
The Atlantic-10 Tournament

- 2/25/97 — USA TODAY ranks GW at 18
- Quarterfinal — 2/27/97 — wins over Temple 78-35
- Semifinal — 3/2/97 — victory over UMASS 80-39 — GW 22nd consecutive win
- Final — 3/3/97 — Final St. Joe's defeats GW 59-56

THE BIG DANCE: WOMEN'S NCAA PLAY

free-throw attempts compared to one for GW. At the half, GW led 41-33. GW came out of the gate hot. Cermignano drained two three point shots, as GW raced to a 17 point lead. But the Green Wave fought back, cutting the lead to nine when Grace Daley stripped Egleston for an easy layin. But on the next trip down court Abraham took the ball and banked it high off the glass plus the foul for a big three point play. Down the stretch Marlo Egleston was big for the Colonials, hitting four consecutive free throws plus a three point basket, as GW held on for the 81-67 victory. The enthusiastic crowd saluted an incredible finish to the women's season at the Smith Center. Tajama Abraham raced the length of the court to give her father a big hug. "What we didn't want to do was play tentatively," Coach McKeown said after the game and they did not.





Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Notre Dame proved to be too much for the Colonials, riding the 25 points, 15 rebounds effort of senior Kathryn Gaither for a 62-52 victory. It was a hard-fought victory as they outscored GW 24-13 after Cermignano nailed a 3 pointer to give GW its only lead of the game 39-38. It was a bad shooting effort for the Colonials, as Abraham and Gomez were held in check by the Notre Dame defense. Seniors Cermignano, McCrea, and Abraham were the key parts inthe Colonials



"I think GW showed that when you come to the NCAA tournament, you have to take it to another level," Tulane coach Lisa Stockton said in defeat. As the Colonials savored their second trip to the Sweet Sixteen in four years, Colleen McCrea gave a little indication of the mindset of the team as they contemplated their matchup with North Carolina. " We expect to go further"

Against a highly touted North Carolina team, the Colonials played tough. At half, the game was tied at 24 but propelled by 18 points apiece from Gomez and Abraham the Colonials upset the top seed in the East Region 55-46 to advance to the Elite Eight, to face Notre Dame. The historic victory over North Carolina marked the first time GW had advanced past the sweet sixteen and had the whole school hyped as they prepared for the





drive to their best NCAA tournament finish ever. An overall record of 28-6, the regular season A-10 championship for the fourth year in a row, and a trip to the Elite eight. It was a dream season for the Colonials"dream team." It is said that the great leave a legacy and the trio of McCrea, Cermignano, and Abraham have left their imprint on GW basketball. Great job, ladies.

The NCAA Tournament

3/4/97 USA TODAY Poll ranks GW at 17

3/11/97 USA TODAY Poll places GW at 16

3/15/97 defeats Northwestern 61-46

3/17/97 wins against Tulane 81-67

Sweet 16

3/22/97 defeats North Carolina 55-46

Elite Eight

3/24/97 Notre Dame defeats GW 62-52

Balancing Act



Gymnastics, a sport of rhythm, acrobatics, and timing, was a sport associated with beauty but also one of agony. Success was never guaranteed, even to the best in the sport. GW gymnastics history of successful achievement in the 1990's has been unparalleled by any other group of GW gymnasts. Led by head coach Margie Cunningham, GW's gymnasts have emerged as a program to contend with in the A-10. In 1996, however, the Colonials tried to erase the memory of a disappointing 1995 season that saw them miss the NCAA's for the first time in five years. Seniors Tracy Ackerman, Kristie Gackenheimer, and Megan McNulty wanted to go out in style this year – and they did. In a season of leaps, literally, and bounds with the team's tremendous performances, the Colonial team somersaulted their way to the NCAA regional tournament. The season was highlighted by GW hosting the A-10 championships at the Smith Center. GW's performance at the A-10 was impressive, and the Colonials set new school records for overall team score (193.350) as well as for the floor exercise (48.825). The charge was led by Alexis Hrynko, who had a 9.875 on the vault and a 9.8 on the floor exercise. The second-place finish at the meet for the Colonials secured GW's invitation to the NCAA regional championship. Their performance at the meet was not on par with the season. In fact, their NCAA score was the lowest for the team since January. All around, this year was a learning experience for the gymnasts and an enjoyable year on the mats of the Smith Center.

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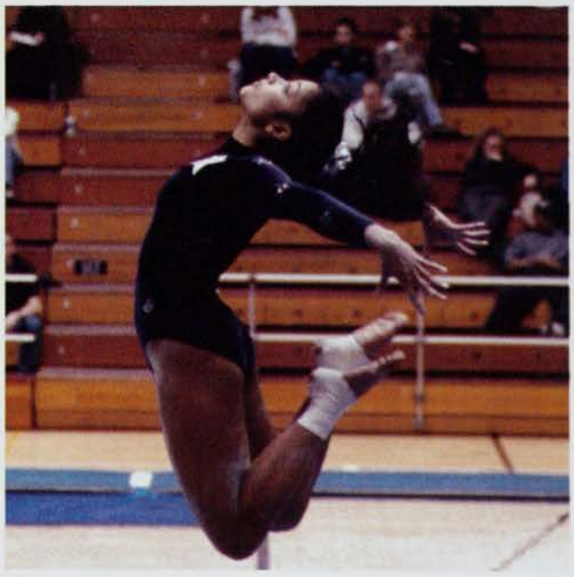


OPPONENTS	PLACE
Massachusetts	2nd of 2
Kentucky and/ Radford	2nd of 3
GW Invitational	2nd of 5
Arizona, Stanford, and Oregon State	4th of 4
Michigan State Invitational	3rd of 4
Townson State Invitational	2nd of 6
Townson State	2nd of 2
North Carolina State Invitational	2nd of 5
Northern Illinois and North Carolina State	2nd of 3
West Virginia, Rutgers, and UMASS	2nd of 4
Atlantic 10 Championships	2nd of 4









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GW Men's Golf Team

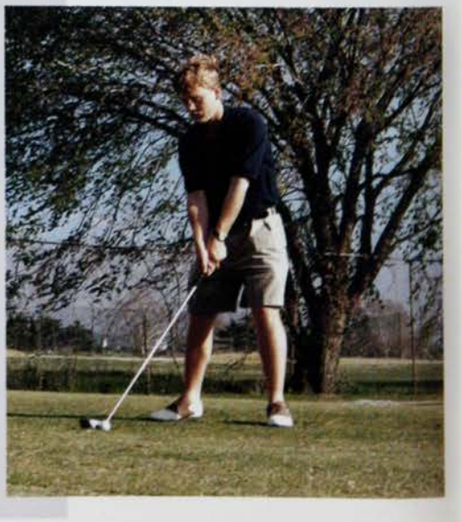
1996-97

Scott Allen, Coach

Daniel Barrutieta
Brian Burnham
Robert Duva
Mark Gandee
Brandon Hanson
Greg Kroll
Daniel Pereyo
Dan Reardon
J.B. Reibstein
Jeremy Rohen
Hideyuki Watanabe







he Fairway

Men's Golf

Junior Luis Barrutieta and Senior Rob Duva, GW golf's number 1 and 2 players, respectively, went all out during the past season to carry their team. The whole team had to persevere through injuries and finals to put together a solid season. Barrutieta paced the Colonials in all but four of their tournaments. The Colonials began the season strong, with Barrutieta and Daniel Pereyo both shooting 75's in both rounds at the Wesley College Invitation during the fall semester.

The spring semester was a rough one for the Colonials. While the top two for GW were solid when they were able to play, the 3,4, and 5 positions were plagued by instability. The supporting cast for GW played well at times. Hideyuki Watanabe, Mark Gandee, and Pereyo stepped up big in some tournaments, especially when the Colonials were without one of their top two. Next year, the Colonials hope to take advantage of gained experience, new recruits, and a new slate to continue their improvement.











making a Racket





Men's Tennis

Ian Albin
Anders Bergkvist
Andrew Dean
Rob Frankel
Todd Gordon
Brett Grossman
Evan Harte
Scott Lowder
Michael Rozofsky
Brad Shafran
Kent Wright

Men's tennis searched for tremendous improvement in the 1996-1997 season. As the season dawned on the team's courts over at East Potomac Park, the outlook was encouraging. The Colonials looked forward to a season of competitive tennis. The Colonials expectations included a bid to the NCAA tournament Dogged by injuries and inconsistency, the Colonials held together throughout the season. Although not spectacular, the men managed to turn up the heat on their opponents. Unfortunately, they didn't do it consistently. Against Xavier, they won the match—outpointing the Musketeers 7-0. The very next day though, they lost to Hampton 0-7. And injuries did not help a bit. Sophomore Anders Bergkvist was a solid performer for the men as their number one player. His steady performance helped Bergkvist become a member of the A-10 all-conference team. The Colonials lost key players at inopportune times which only served to make things tougher. After being swept in the season's last match against Temple, Head Coach Joe Mesmer predicted that if they wanted to do well at the upcoming A-10 championships, the Colonials would need to beat Temple. At the A-10 championships, Temple again beat the Colonials and relegated them to a third place finish. But overall, the Colonials will return relatively unchanged next year to wreck havoc in the A-10 and make a serious contention for the A-10 title.







Rallying Point

When you think of tennis, you think of a sport of quiet and silence. However, the GW women's tennis team was anything but silent. The women's 1996-1997 season was one of screaming forehands, overhead smashes, grunts, and shouts of frustration. The GW women's team played through thunder, rain storms, and helicopter noise from above. After a disappointing start to their season, they finished in a strong second to Virginia Tech at the A-10 championships. 1997 GW tennis was fun to watch, because there was so much going on at any one time. There are six singles matches which are played at the same time along with three doubles matches. One point is awarded for each singles match won and for the team that wins two out of the three doubles match. The end result was you had a lot of tennis balls flying around and depending on how the match went, a few rackets. In order to win in college tennis, "you need all six" players giving it their all according to team Head Coach Joe Mesmer. That was what each member of this Colonial's team did. From Junior Helen Andrews to Freshman Sarine Weingarten, the Colonial women played their hearts out.

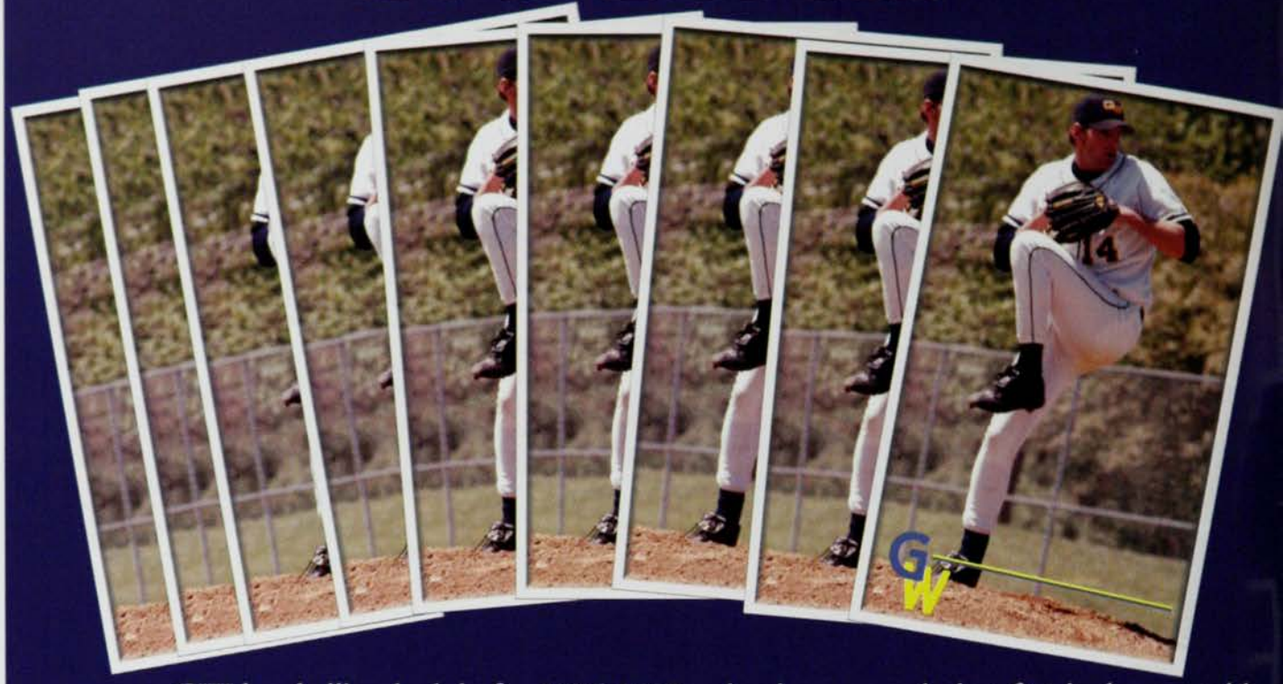
Sometimes that was a frustrating experience. Early in the season, Coach Mesmer said, the team had to get over the hump which impeded their development into a top-tier group. The Colonials were a very talented unit. Helen Andrews was amazing and had a strong forehand that suited her baseline game. Andrews was the most consistent player and was the team's number one throughout the season. Against Temple, Andrews overpowered her opponent to take the match in straight sets. Freshman Ghada Skaff was also a force in her first season. She displayed a tremendous forehand but also a knowledge of the game that allowed her to out-hit or outsmart her opponent. Holly Huntley and Julie Kim played well and were solid contributors to the team effort. These women definitely knew how to rally and win.



Front Row: Libbie Schlatler, Page Norach, Julie Kim, Holly Huntley; Back Row: Saiine Weingarten, Aarthi Rajaraman, Sarah Perlman, Helen Andrews, Ghada Skaff; Not Pictured: Clea Blockey

A Long Way from Home

BASEBALL



BY CHRISTOPHER GOLDSON

GW baseball's schedule for 1996-1997 was formidable. Not only did they have to face their usual tough A-10 competition but they also faced quality non-conference opponents. New head coach Tom Walter's first season was a challenge, throughout. The Colonials opened the season with an impressive come from behind victory over Winthrop, as they rallied from a 4-2 eighth-inning deficit. It quickly became apparent where the Colonials strengths and weaknesses laid. Behind the massive muscles of Troy Allen, GW's quickly proved they were able to out-hit their opponents. Allen, a junior, set a GW record for homeruns in one season as he belted 20 home runs during the season. In his previous two years at GW, Allen had hit 14 homers combined. Allen also led the Colonials in runs batted in and was among the team leaders with his batting average. Allen's showing was a bright spot in a season that began rough, but finished respectably. GW's defense and bullpen were very inconsistent from the get go. These weakness were critical especially during a rough stretch in the season, where the Colonials returned from an eight game road trip with a 1-7 record. Errors and inconsistent pitching put the Colonials in a hole from which they could not recover. When the Colonials did get great efforts from their pitchers, the outcomes were better. In the first game of a double header against La Salle at their home field in Arlington, VA Junior pitcher Matt Williams baffled the Explorers and pitched a three hitter as the Colonials won 11-2. Williams, who was drafted by the Chicago Cubs organization after his senior year in high school, established himself as the staff ace. In another outing against George Mason University, Williams spearheaded a GW rout of the Patriots. Backed by an offensive attack

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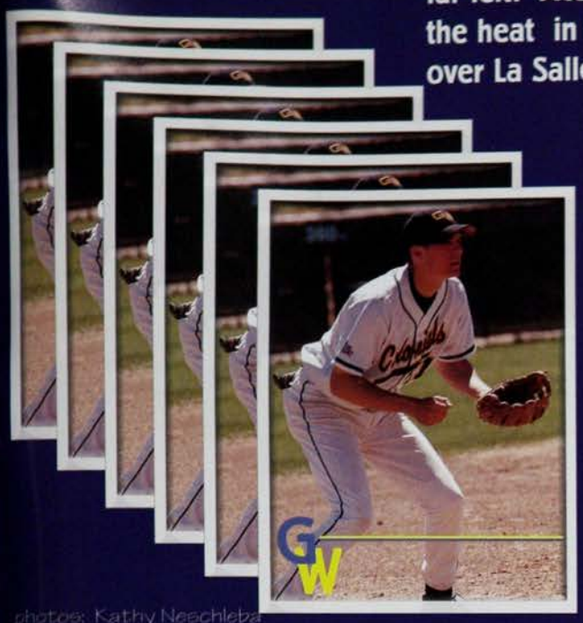


first row:
Thomas Baginski, Scott Shalon, Chad Dewey Ryan Ingwer, John Green, Mike Roberts, Ted Currie

second row:
Scott Guiliana, David Kloes, David Burke, Ron Christie, Ryan Dewey, Brian Pollzzie, Ryan Dacey, Eric Rappa, Bob Brown

third row:
Asst. Coach Joe Raccuia, Asst. Coach Terry Rooney, Jason Drenning, Dwayne Crawley, Cassidy Smith, Ari Zagaris, Troy Allen, Matt Williams, Joe Beichert, Chris Matarese, Head Coach Tom Walter

far left: Ace pitcher Matt Williams brings the heat in the Colonials' 11-2 victory over La Salle.

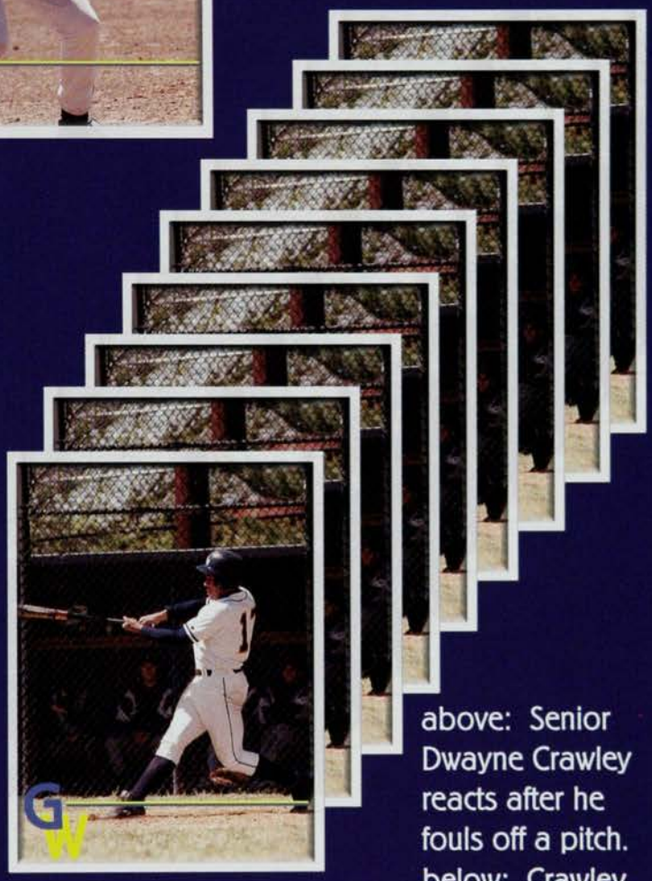


left: Infielder Ryan Dacey anticipates the play with his eyes and his glove at the ready.

left below: A Colonial batter swings for the fences. The Colonials hit a school record of 65 homers during this season.

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above: Senior Dwayne Crawley reacts after he fouls off a pitch.
below: Crawley cautiously takes a lead off of second base.



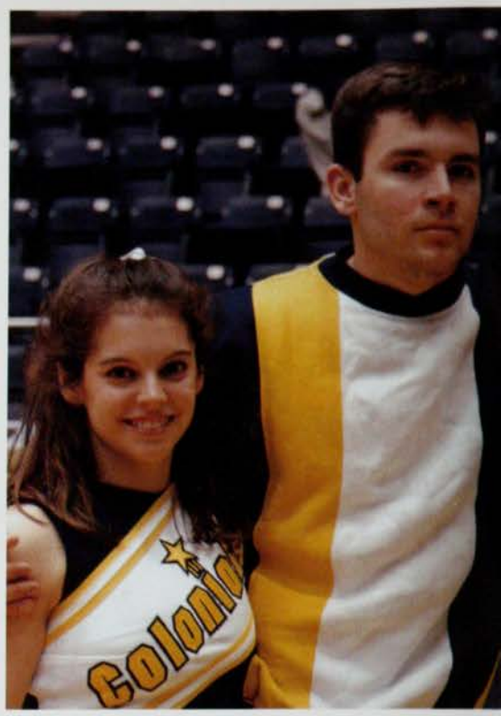
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that pounded Patriot pitching, Williams and the Colonials cruised to an easy victory. Williams finished the season with a 7-5 overall record after firing a two-run, six-hit effort against Duquesne in a 4-2 win. Seniors Dwayne Crawley, Eric Rappa, David Burke , Bob Brown, and Scott Guiliana commemorated the end of their careers at GW by helping defeat Duquesne 8-4 in the season's final game. Allen smashed two homers to support Burke on the mound, who picked up his third victory of the season. The Colonials finished the season with a record of 21-33; 9-12 in the A-10.

The 1997 GW Baseball Season

2/15	at Winthrop University	5-4	W
2/16	at Winthrop University	4-15	L
2/16	at Winthrop University	1-10	L
2/21	at William and Mary	6-7	L
2/22	Bucknell University	3-7	L
2/23	Howard University	6-13	L
2/23	Howard University	3-7	L
2/28	at North Carolina State	2-12	L
3/1	at North Calina State	4-11	L
3/2	at North Carolina State	8-14	L
3/6	at University of Richmond	8-15	L
3/7	at Old Dominion	2-7	L
3/8	at Old Dominion	9-7	W
3/9	at Old Dominion	4-13	L
3/11	Maryland-Baltimore Cty.	8-13	L
3/12	at Mount St. Mary's	13-6	W
3/15	St. Peter's	10-9	W
3/16	St. Peter's	5-0	W
3/16	St. Peter's	11-3	W
3/17	Coppin State	19-5	W
3/22	AT VIRGINIA TECH	3-4	L
3/22	AT VIRGINIA TECH	6-12	L
3/23	AT VIRGINIA TECH	9-10	L
3/26	at James Madison	4-8	L
3/28	ST. JOSEPH'S	4-3	W
3/28	ST. JOSEPH'S	6-8	L
3/29	ST. JOSEPH'S	6-5	W
4/1	Mount St. Mary's	17-14	W
4/2	at Navy	0-8	L
4/5	AT ST. BONAVENTURE	5-3	W
4/5	AT ST. BONAVENTURE	1-11	L
4/6	AT ST. BONAVENTURE	2-9	L
4/8	at Coppin State	13-0	W
4/9	James Madison	10-23	L
4/12	AT DAYTON	5-6	L
4/12	AT DAYTON	6-5	W
4/13	AT DAYTON	5-6	L
4/15	University of Maryland	10-14	L
4/16	University of Richmond	8-5	W
4/19	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	11-2	W
4/19	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	5-6	L
4/20	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	4-9	L
4/22	at Towson State	8-13	L
4/25	at Cleveland State	2-3	L
4/26	AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY	1-11	L
4/26	AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY	2-1	W
4/27	AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY	12-11	W
4/29	at Maryland-Baltimore Cty.	19-16	W
5/3	at George Mason	1-6	L
5/4	George Mason	8-4	W
5/7	Towson State	9-15	L
5/10	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY	4-2	W
5/10	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY	1-7	L
5/11	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY	8-4	W
	OVERALL 21-33		

Colonial



They are at every basketball game. They work as hard as the players but receive less attention than the basketball teams. They also do stunts that require high degrees of difficulty and flexibility. The GW cheerleading team has worked as hard as other GW athletes this year to give the students thrilling performances and to encourage the teams. Cheerleading was a varsity sport although most spectators and the athletic department only admit that grudgingly. The GW cheerleaders accompanied both teams to the A-10 championships as well as the women's basketball team to the NCAA regionals as well. They also competed again at the Universal Cheerleading Association National College Cheerleading Championship and, for the second year in a row, they made it to the final round. You saw them, you've heard them, and you've been impressed by their hard work, dedication, their athleticism, their creativity, and all their efforts were to cheer up a student body that at times appeared to have no pulse

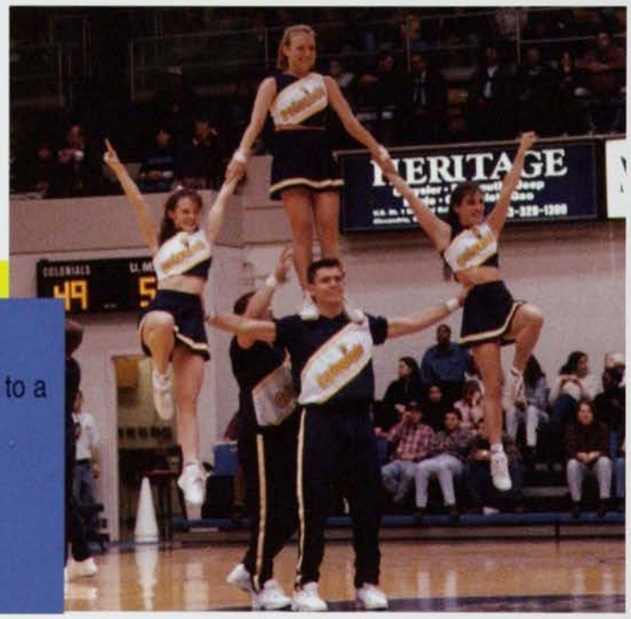


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Right: Shawn Martin adds a little muscle to a difficult stunt.

Below: Senior Dianne Gayoski at work encouraging GW's faithful fans.

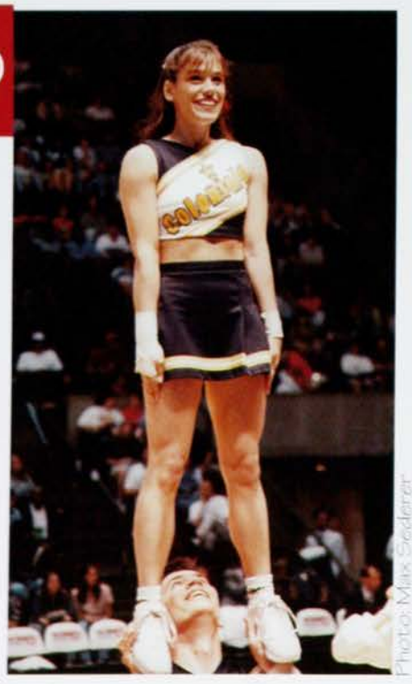


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Front Row: Shannon O'Connor, Jill Kiah, Andrea Allum, Diane Gayoski, Paula Gillen, Christina Tackett, and Laura Bloise. Back Row: John Kelley, coach, Aljeo Wallly Jumat, Dave Rubin, Jason DeLuigi, Peter Marquez, Pat Scudieri, Dave Suutter, Shawn Martin, and Jenna Deacon, trainer.

Roar



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(except for key matchups such as the UMass game and the women's NCAA tournament games.)

Why make such a big deal over cheerleaders? Because it took a lot of hard work, dedication, and time for the Colonial cheerleaders to prepare for a tremendous season. A season that stretched from August through April. "Cheerleading is very time consuming. It takes a positive attitude, a large time commitment, lots of school spirit, and an open mind," said team member Dianne Gayoski. You saw the flips and the tosses which wouldn't have been possible if the members did not have one key ingredient: trust. Being tossed many feet up into the air requires a certain amount of trust to overcome any anxiety. Their performance in the Smith Center this year, made it clear that the Colonial cheerleaders had developed that trust, allowing them to get the most out of a GW student body, which can be a tough bunch to impress.

By Chris Goldson


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Left: The ever present "George" mimics St. Jospeh's Hawk.

Below: Cheerleaders pump up Colonial women at the NCAA East Regionals held in Columbia, S.C.

Below: Shannon O'Connor raises high the buff and the blue.



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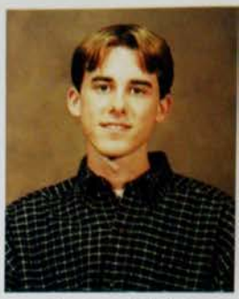

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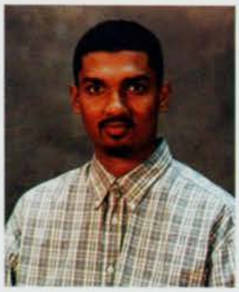

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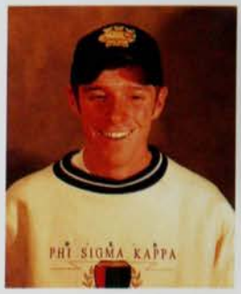

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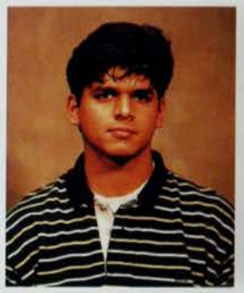

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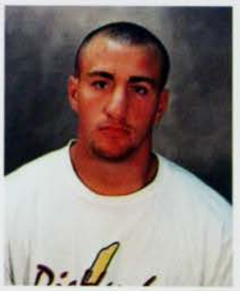

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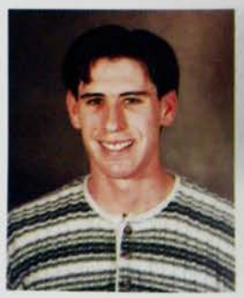

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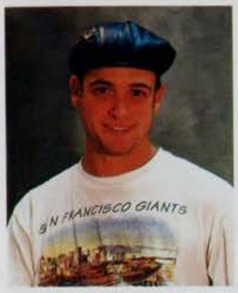

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Inside Gelman



Gelman Library undoubtedly had excellent information facilities and served as a place to study for most GW students. One senior noted, "I've been successful doing all my college work in Gelman for the past four years." Yet, the Gelman question lingered: Was it a good place to study?

Students at GW constantly looked for the perfect study environment—a place lacking roommates, blaring music, and friendly visits that, while welcome, were often distracting when studying for an exam. So, I thought Gelman's 24-hour reading room might be my perfect study environment. Just as I was about to analyze the five elements of tragedy according to Aristotle, my train of thought was interrupted by the rustling of a potato chip bag. Throughout the next hour, I was further prevented from studying by the movement of people coming and going, zipping and unzipping backpacks, whisperings and talking…oh, where was that perfect study area that I had in mind? Well, even though Gelman had its ups and downs, it served its purpose.





Need a vacation? Out of cash? No problem. All you need to get is a credit card. Want to invest in a new summer wardrobe and you ran out of money again? Not a problem. Just get another credit card. Don't have $300 in spare cash for your new textbooks? You know what to do.

Seems like a simple solution. But, buyer beware. A line of credit carries with it a high price to pay if you don't have the money in the bank to back your purchase power. On almost any given day on the streets of DC, and especially on G Street in front of the Marvin Center, students could fill out a brief application to apply for instant credit— Visa, MasterCard, American Express. The list goes on and on. Credit vendors lured students with freebies and contests. They coaxed the naive with standard give-a-ways including candy bars, slinkies, and free T-shirts. Many student groups set up credit card booths for fundraisers as well. They received between one and five dollars per credit card application they took in.

College students were easy targets for credit companies. Think back to the first purchase you made with a credit card and signed your name to. You probably felt powerful...until you received your first bill. Then you said, "ahhhhh...time to get a job (or a second job) to pay it off." That was a sensible solution. But what happened when you run your credit to the limit? You got a second and a third and a fourth card, and you were now way in over your head.

If used in moderation and in coordination with your income, credit cards were great tools. They could also be your worst enemy when you ran behind on your payments and the interest (roughly 19.8%) compiled so quickly that the items you bought, because they were on sale, started to cost more than they did at full price, and you used one card to pay off the other.

And that folks, was why credit card companies targeted college kids. We thought we were powerful, backed by the plastic. But wasn't it us, the whole time, that held the real power? *by Blythe Dim*


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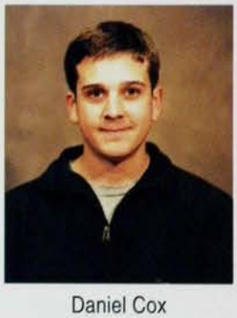
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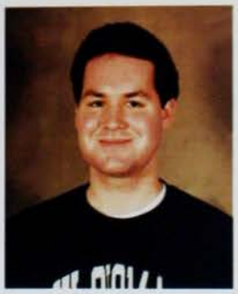

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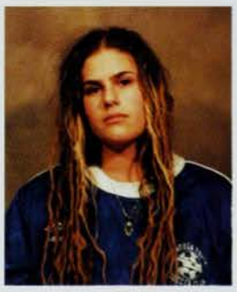

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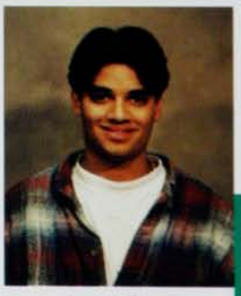

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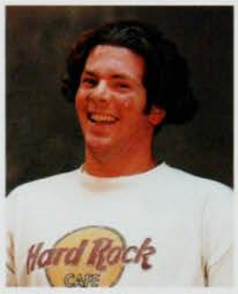

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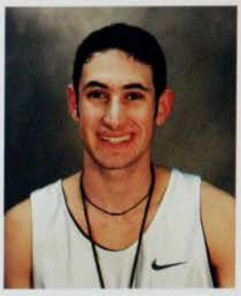

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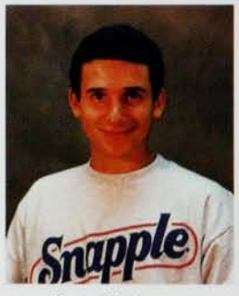


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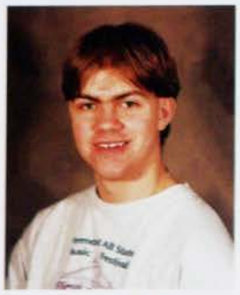

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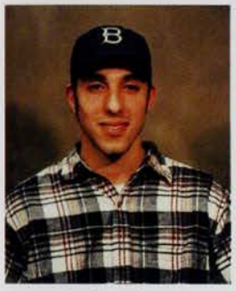

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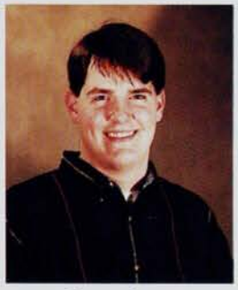

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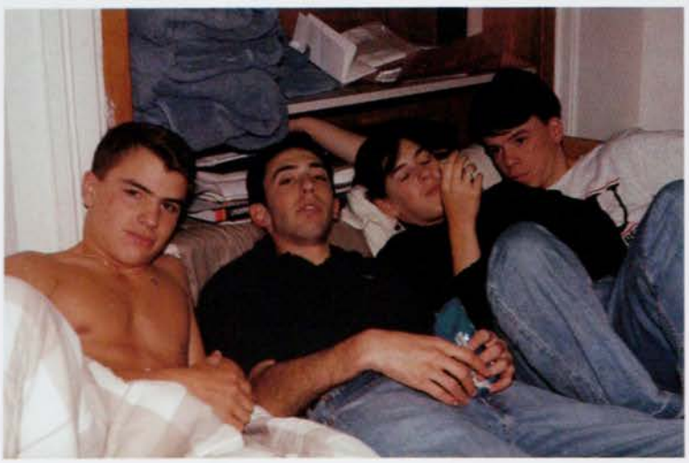


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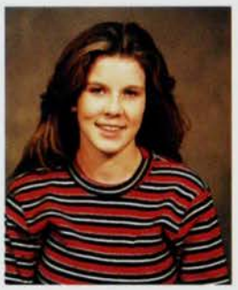
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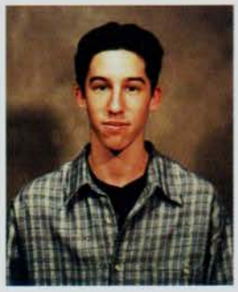

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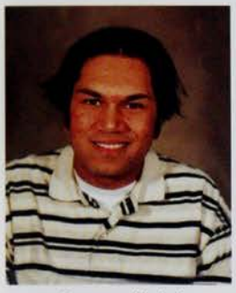

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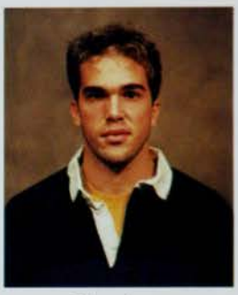

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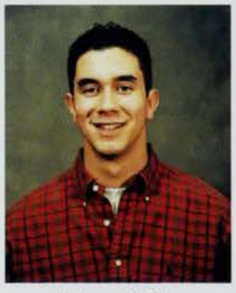

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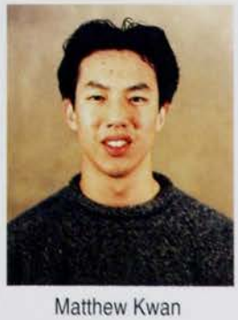

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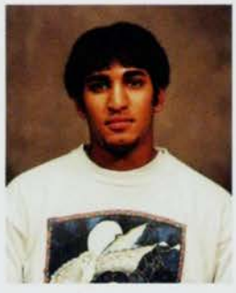

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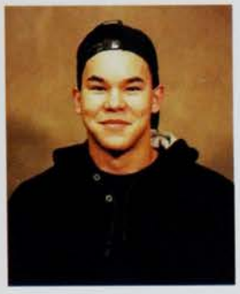

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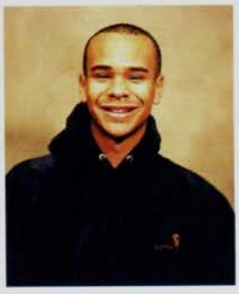

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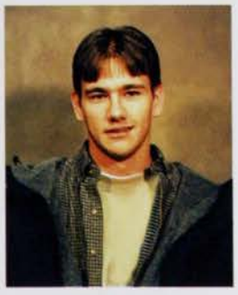

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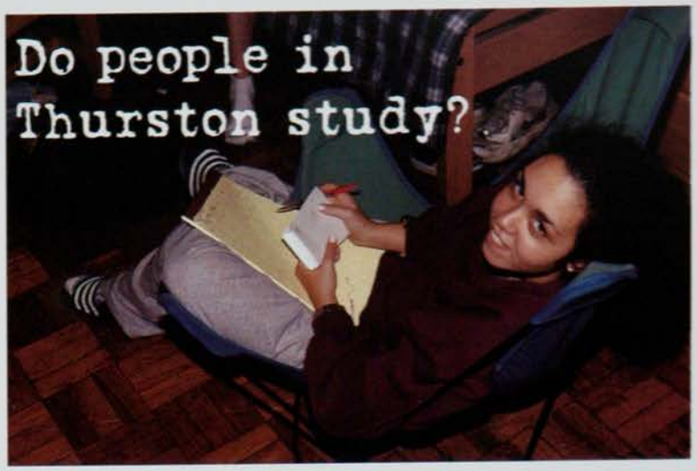

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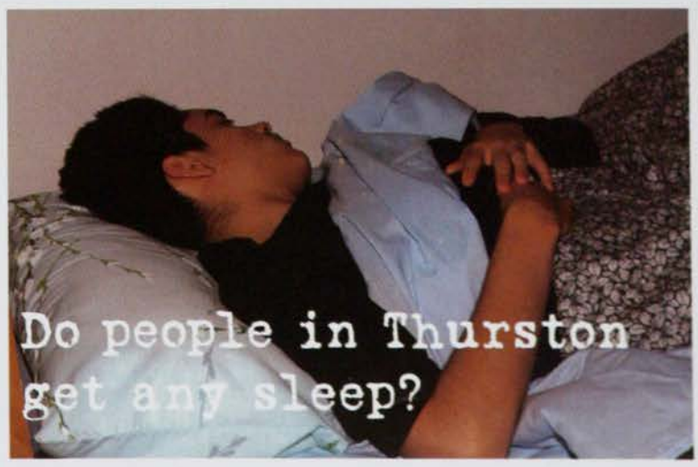

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How much did it cost in 1996-1997?

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First Class US Postage Stamp	$ 0.32
AMC Movie Ticket (Student)	$ 4.75
Compact Disc (Average)	$13.99
Mannoosh Hot Dog	$ 1.25
Pasta Man's Pasta of the Day	$ 3.75
Candy Bar	$ 0.60
Prime Rate	8.25%
Spy Club Cover	$10.00
6 Pack of Beer	$ 4.99
Cherry Tree Yearbook	$35.00
Minimum Wage	$ 4.25/hour
Pack of Cigarettes	$ 2.75
1/8 Bag of Marijuana	$25.00
Taxi Ride (2 Zones)	$ 5.50
McDonald's Big Mac (A Flop)	$ 0.55
DC Parking Ticket after 4pm	$50.00
Tower Video Rental	$ 2.49
Smithsonian Museums	$ FREE
GW ID Replacement	$15.00
Average J-Street Meal	$ 6.50
Papa John's 1-Topping Pizza	$ 6.99
GW Sweatshirt	$45.00
Recess Tickets Downstage	$ 5.00
Orioles Ticket	$16.00
Parking in Marvin Center	$11.80
Troubadors Tickets	$ 5.00
Zei Club Cover	$10.00
GW T-Shirt (at Events)	$ FREE
Average Mixed Drink	$ 4.50
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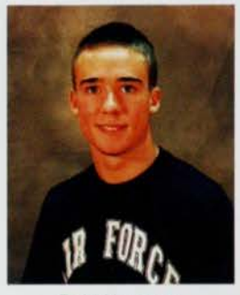

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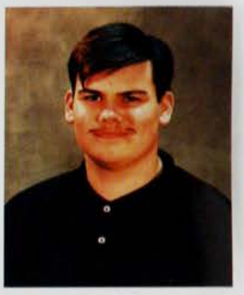

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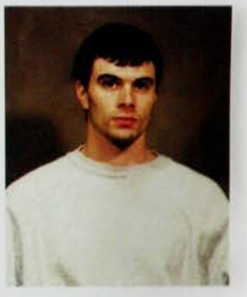

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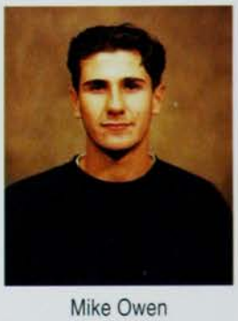

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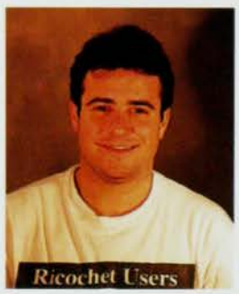

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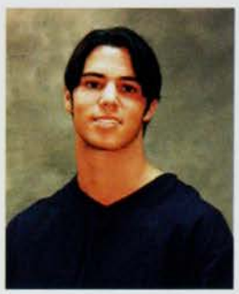

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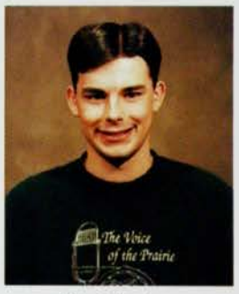

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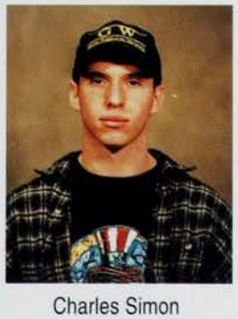
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Versace Murdered in Front of His Home

DOW Tops 5000, 6000, 7000, & 8000

Yankees Win the World Series

Tyson – The Bite of the Century

Green Bay Wins the Superbowl

English Patients Sweeps at the Oscars

Chicago Bulls Win Again

Lost World Takes Box Office by Storm

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OJ Loses Civil Trial – $30 Million

Clinton Undergoes Knee Surgery

X-Files Takes Top Spot

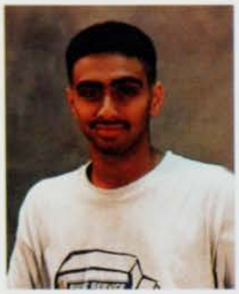
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GW Women's Basketball Make Elite 8


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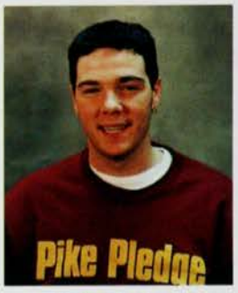

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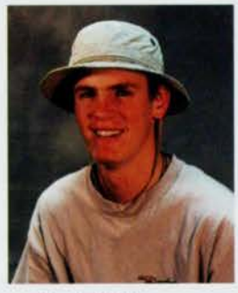


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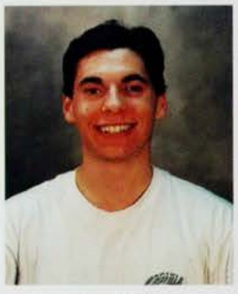

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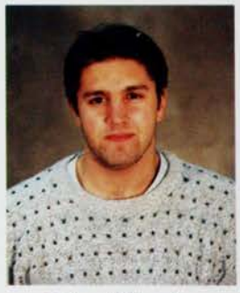

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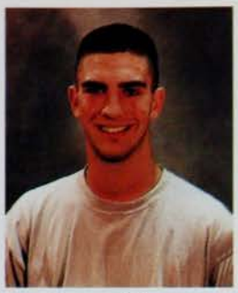

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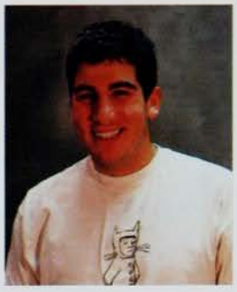


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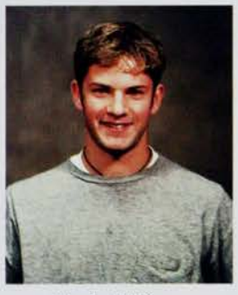

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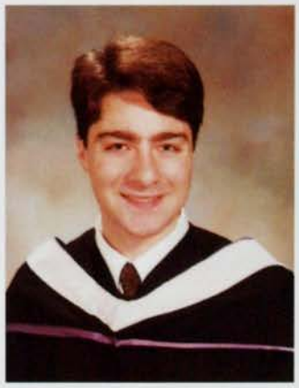

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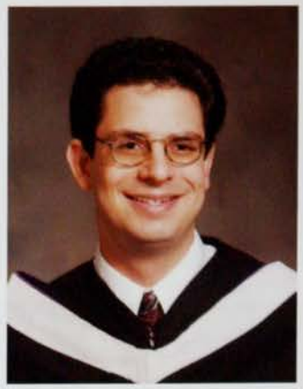


Akosua A. Walker

Akosua A. Walker has distinguished herself in the areas of service and leadership. She is well-known as the President of the Black People's Union where her efforts helped to raise membership and bring the organization greater respect on campus. Yet, Akosua's involvement at GW extends beyond the black community. She has served on the 175th Student Initiatives Sub-Committee, the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students, the planning committees for the 1996 Leadership Conference and the Spring 1995 Night in the Marvin Center. Akosua has also distinguished herself as an outstanding scholar with such honors as a National Merit Scholarship. She has dedicated herself to the plight of the homeless, to improving race relations and to the education of children.



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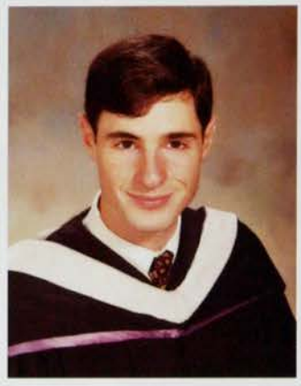
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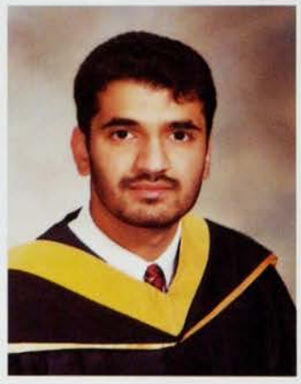
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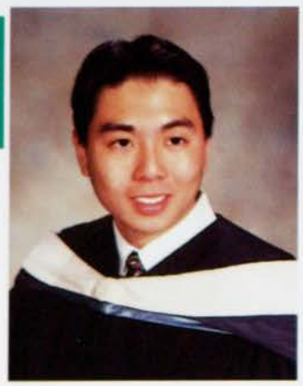
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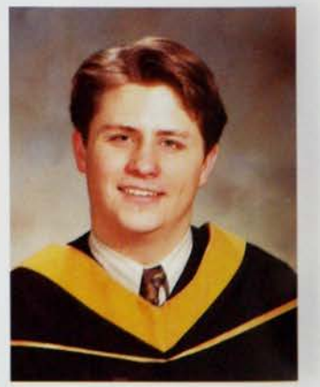
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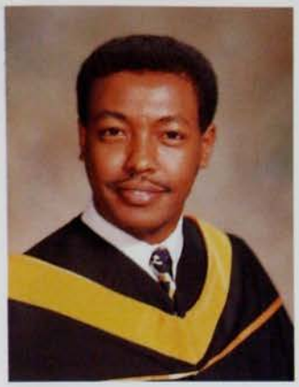
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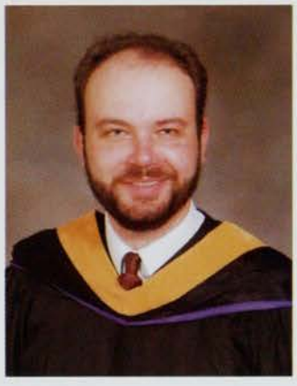
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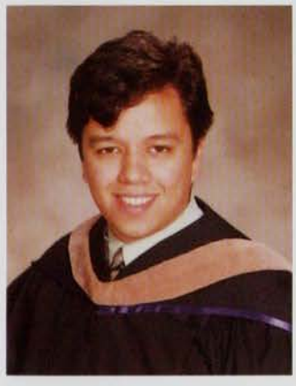
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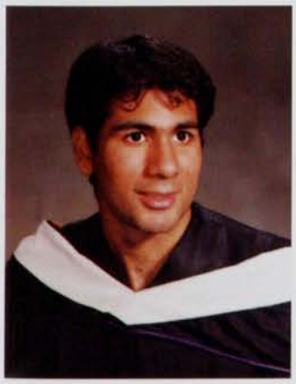
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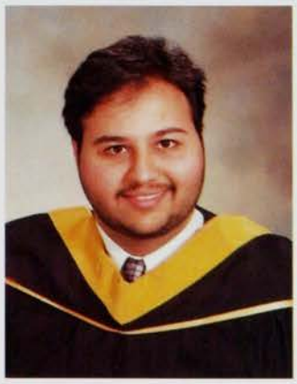
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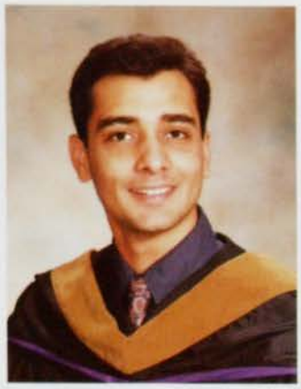
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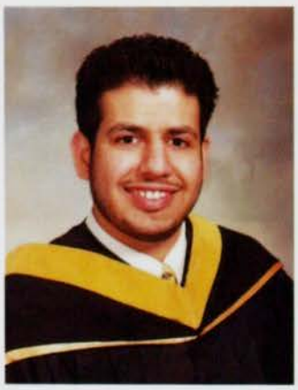


Assimina Papananos

Assimina N. Papapanos exemplifies the spirit of The George Washington University. She combines academic excellence, university service, and international flair. Papapanos, a native of Greece, double majored in Finance and Marketing in the School of Business and Public Management, achieving this degree in just three years. She received a Presidential Academic Award, and she is also a member of Golden Key National Honor Society and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. In her service to the university and her school, she served as a Mentor Manager in the SBPM First Year Development Program and as an assistant in the Office of Professional Development. She incorporated the skills she learned at GW and her Grecian cultural identity by working at the Municipality of Athens and the Maekas Real Estate Company both in Greece. In addition to these stellar achievements, she was an active member of the Student Board, Kosmos Hellenic Club, and the International Student Club.



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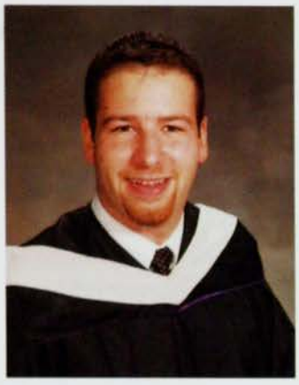
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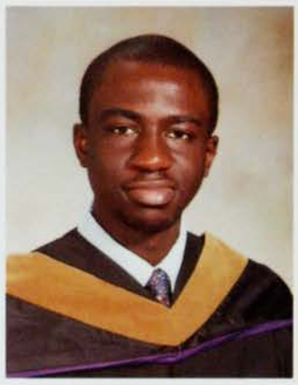
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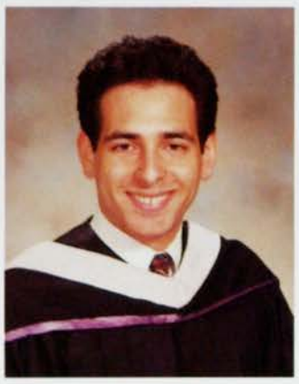
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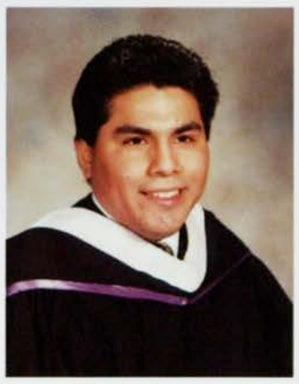
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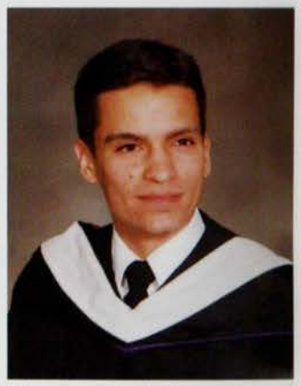
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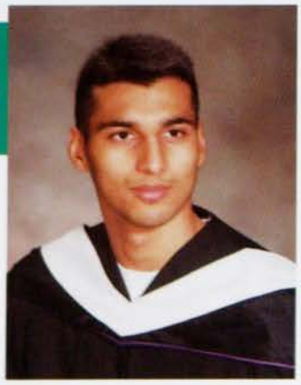
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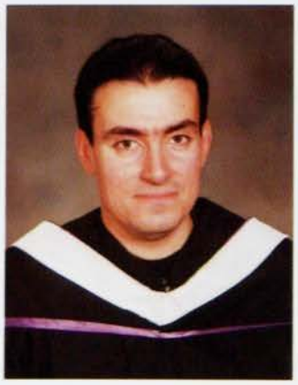
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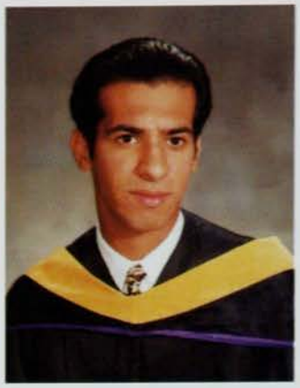
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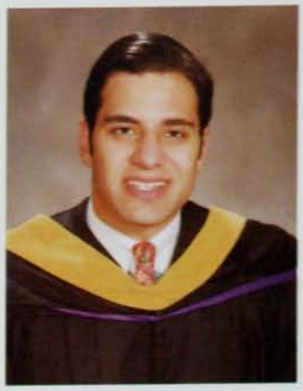
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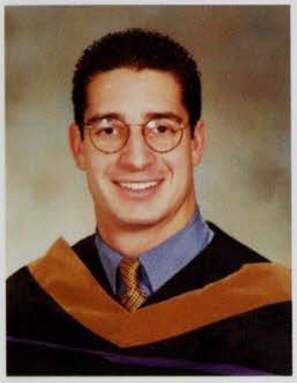
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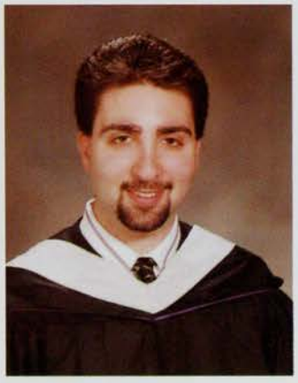
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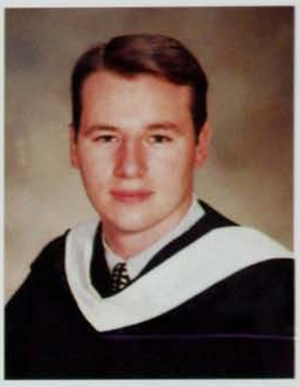
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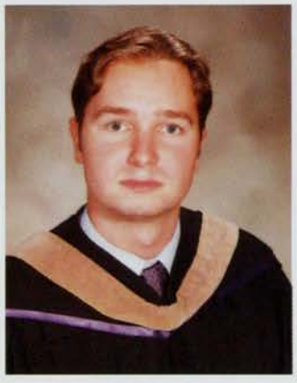
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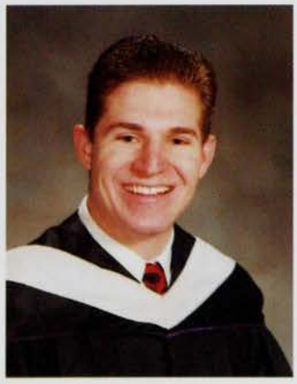
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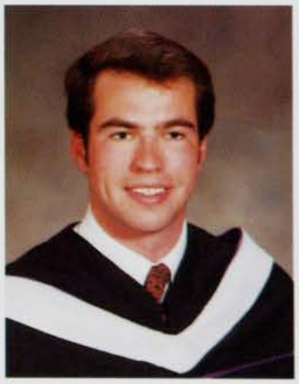
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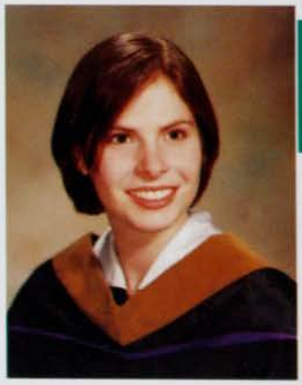
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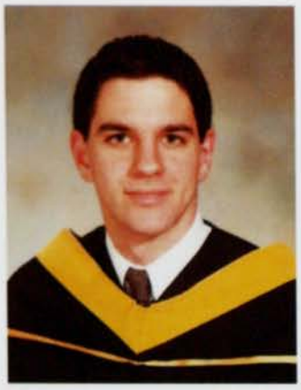
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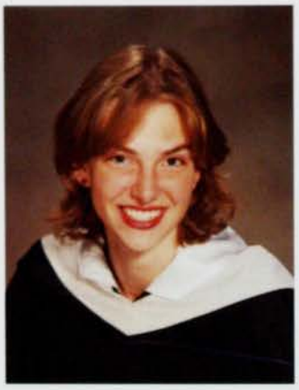
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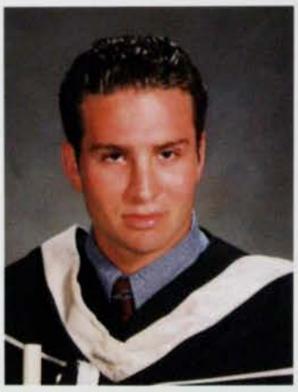
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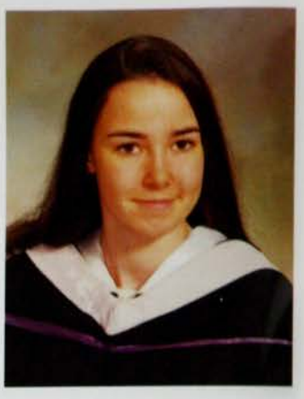
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Bernadette Boucher

Bernadette A. Boucher, a native of South Weymouth, Massachusetts, graduated from the Columbian School with a degree in History and a minor in English. Her inquiring and innovative fields of interest and her active pursuance of these are examples of the caliber of GW's students. Her interest in American Literacy History has led her to work at the National Archives and the Gelman Library. She also is interested in women's involvement in the American Civil War and the struggles of Native Americans. She graduated in three years, maintaining a 3.94 GPA, yet still found the time to volunteer at the West End Public Library. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Golden Key National Honor Society. She will be enrolling in a master's program in Library Science at Rutgers this fall.



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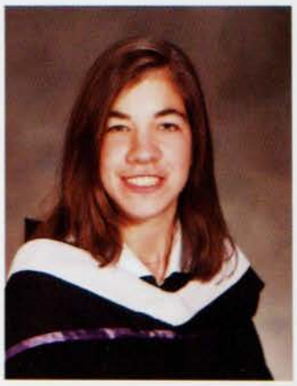
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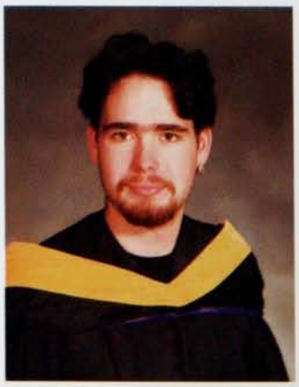
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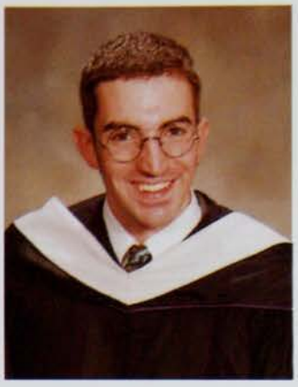


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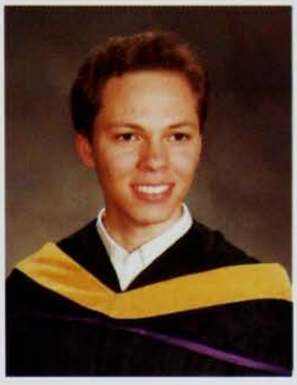
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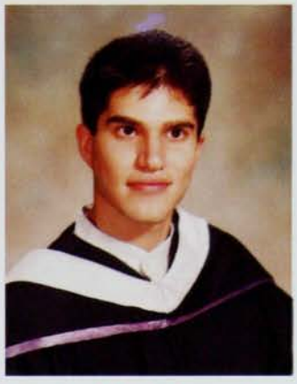
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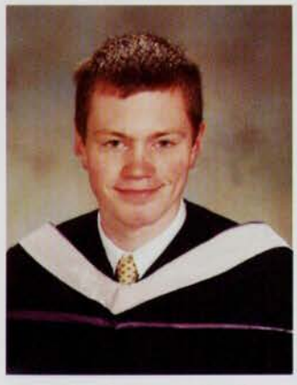
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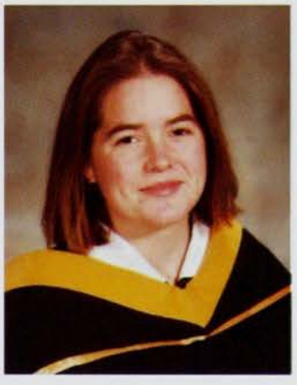
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Courtney N. Mikoryak

Courtney Nicole Mikoryak graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Art History. She received the "Outstanding Art History Student" award as well as the David Lloyd Kreeger Award. As a recent inductee into Phi Beta Kappa, Courtney will continue her education at Tufts University in the fall of 1997. During her four years at GW, Courtney participated in many organizations. She was a GW cheerleader her freshmen year, a member of STAR and SNAP, as well as an admission's assistant. As a member of the Colonial Cabinet, Courtney worked with incoming freshmen and always took an active role to help fellow GW students.



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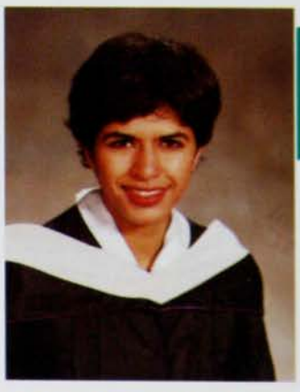
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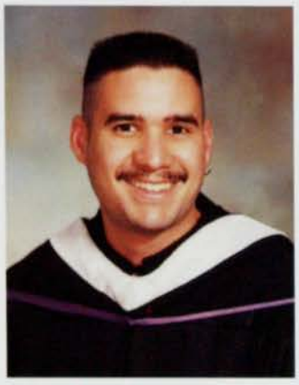
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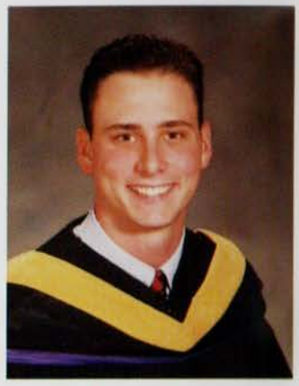
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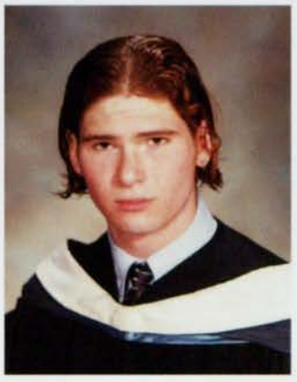
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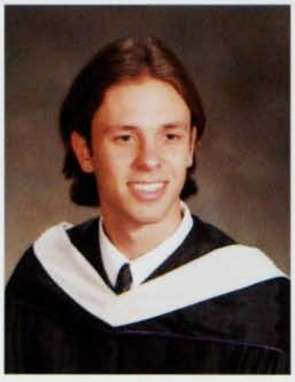
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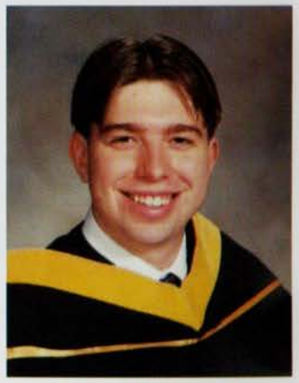
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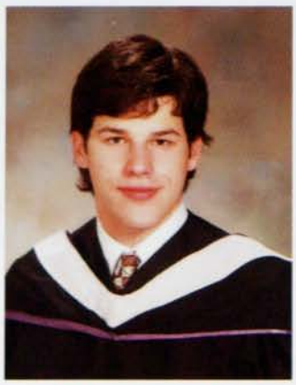
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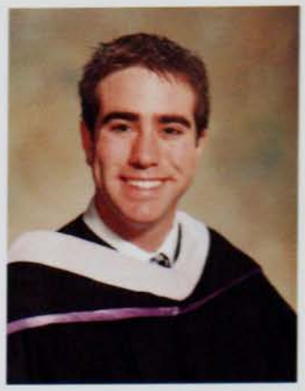
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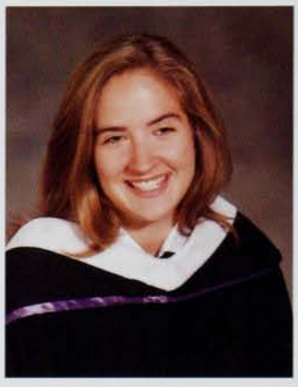
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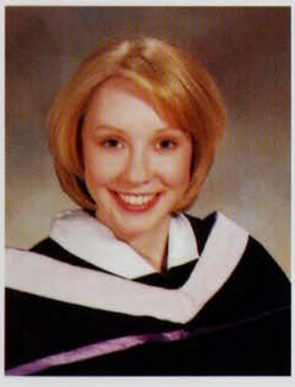
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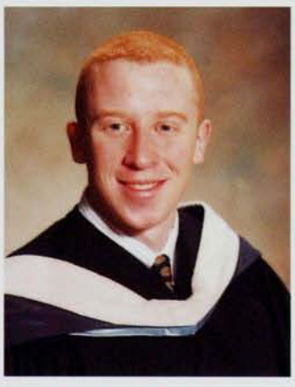
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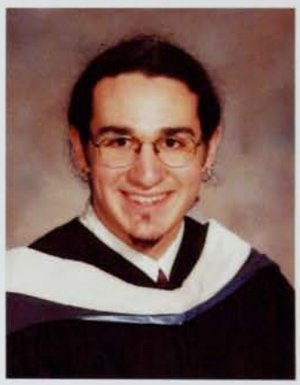
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Annie Carey



Maria Carlo
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Dana Carr
Psychology

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Damian A. McKenna

Damian A. McKenna served as Student Association President during the 1996-1997 academic year. To name a few of his major accomplishments as SA President, he worked closely with University Librarian Jack Siggins to improve Gelman Library, implemented the Student Involvement Program, and helped students save over $15,000 in book expenses due to the Book Exchange. The profits from the first-ever GW CD, the creation of which he directed, was estimated to be $3,000, which will be distributed to student organizations. Damian has also served as a member of the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students; as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee during his term as SA Senator, and as a member of the Middle States Accreditation Review Committee. As a brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi, he was involved with various leadership positions, such as being the Alumni Weekend Coordinator, House Manager, and Fundraising Chair.



Erica Eva Carr
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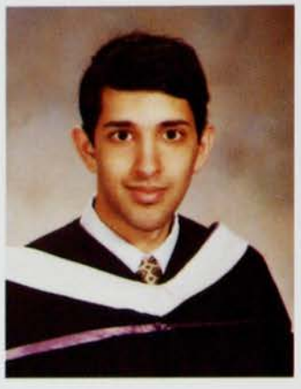
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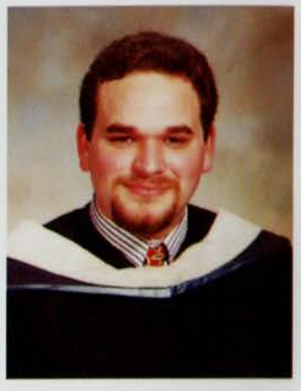
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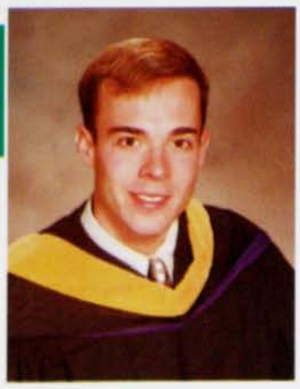
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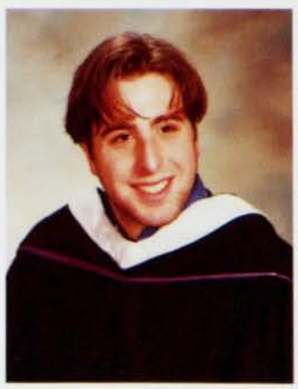
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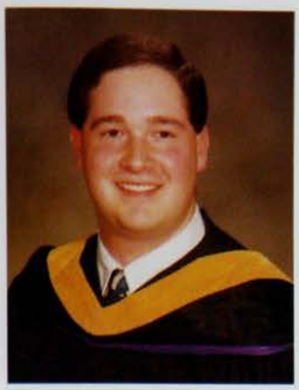
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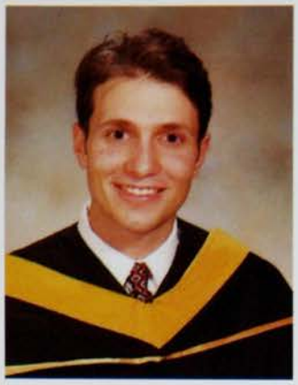
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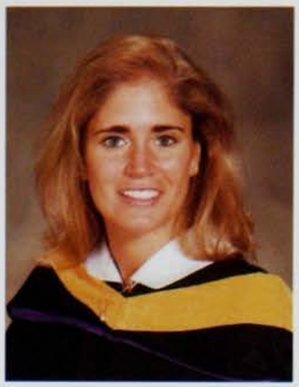
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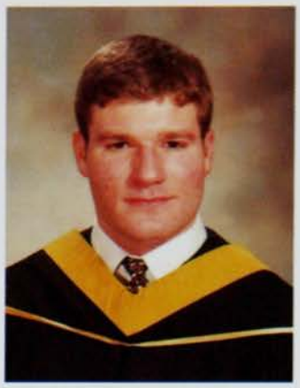
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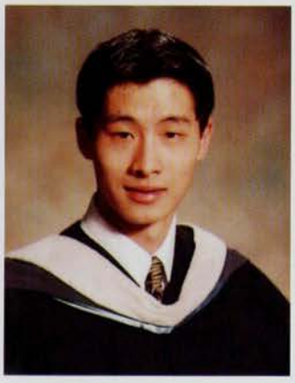
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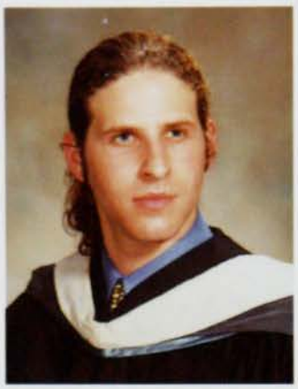


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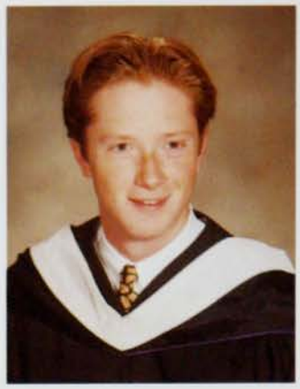
Daniel Zmijewsji received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Dan served as President of the Inter-Fraternity Council and helped make sure the Greek community was represented on campus. Dan served many positions in his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. He was Vice-President in 1996 and Pledge Educator in 1997. He also served on many different committees on campus. As a member of the Leadership Team, Dan made sure that all student concerns were addressed.



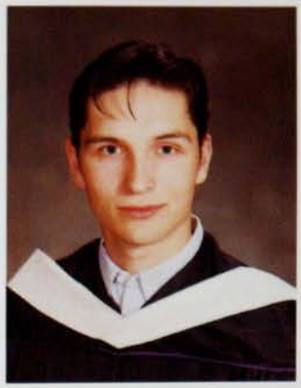
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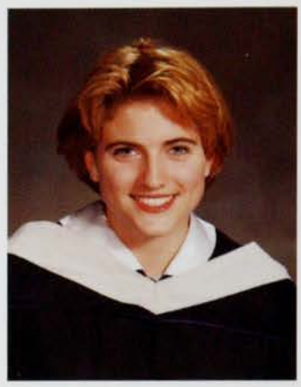
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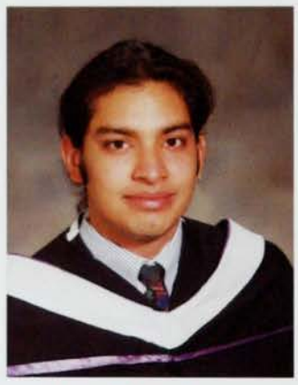
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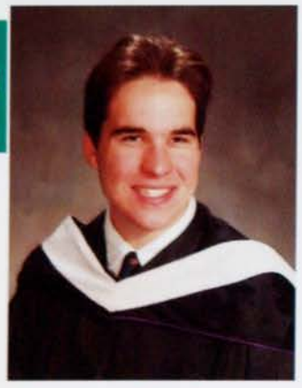
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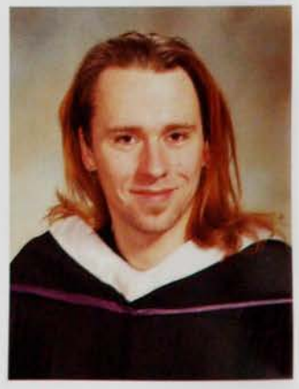
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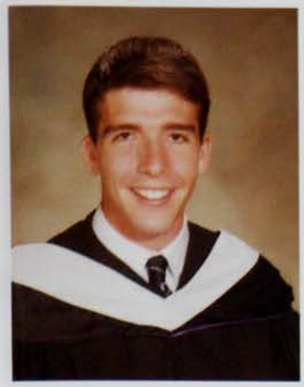
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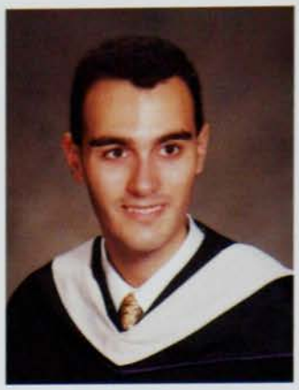
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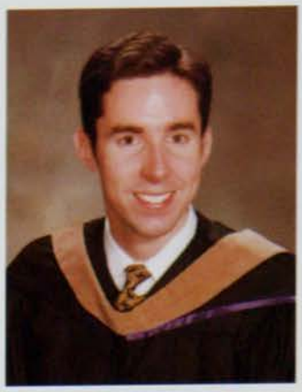
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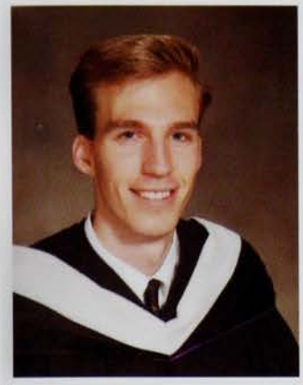
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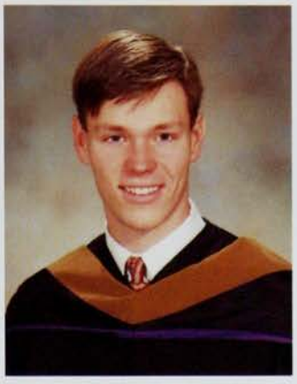
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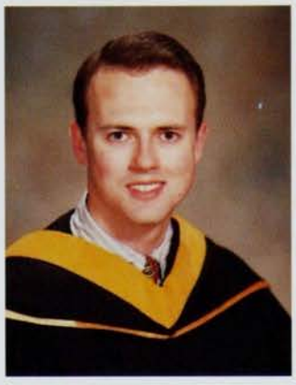
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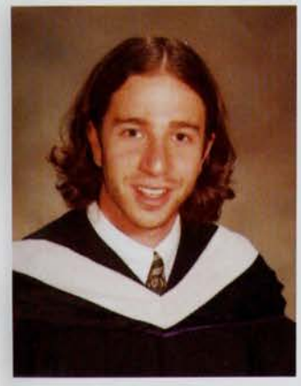
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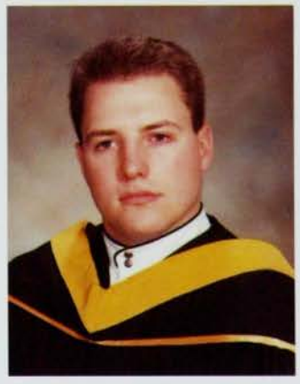
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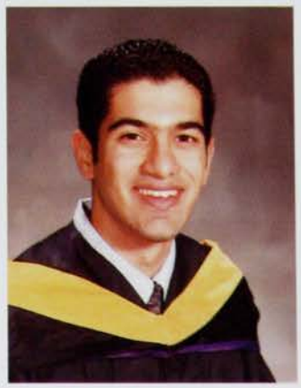
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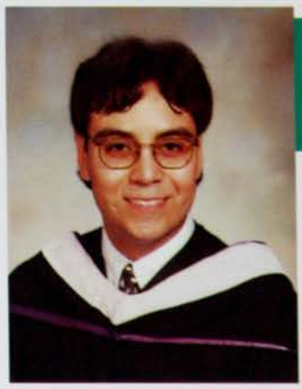
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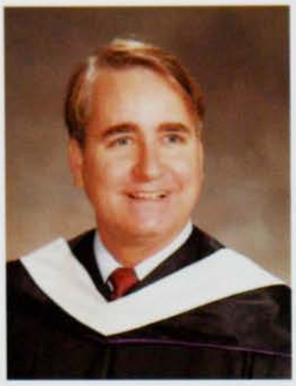
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Dianne C. Gayoski

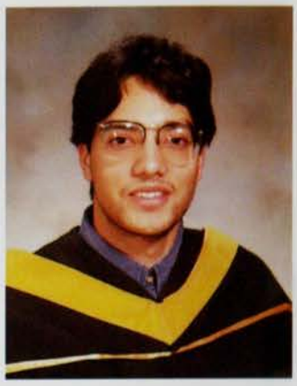
Dianne Gayoski received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She served as the Executive Vice-President of the Student Association during her senior year, and helped change peoples' perceptions of GW's student government. The Student Association had one of the most successful years in history thanks to the hard work of Dianne and the rest of the Admisitration. Dianne also was an active member in the Greek community. As an officer in her sorority, Sigma Kappa, Dianne helped bridge the gap between Greeks on campus and the student body. Dianne could always been seen cheering for the Colonials at basketball games, where she took an active role in her four years as a GW cheerleader.



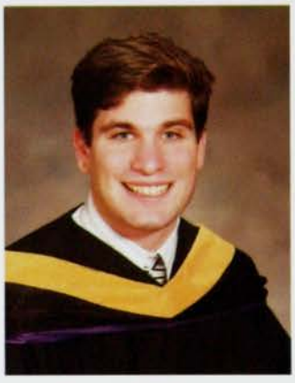
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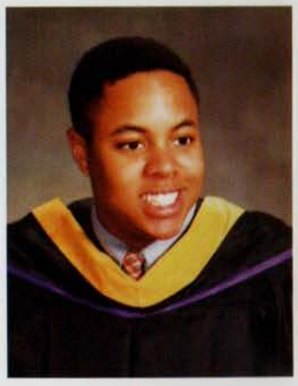
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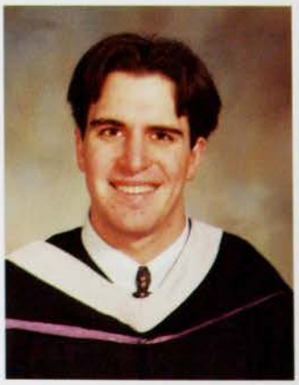
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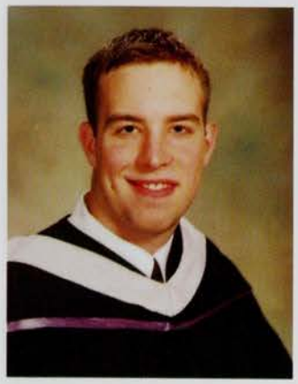
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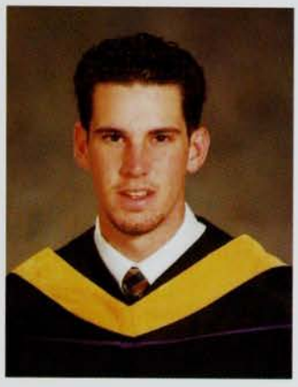
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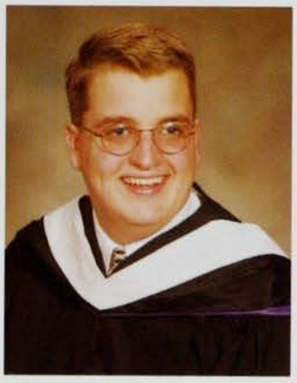
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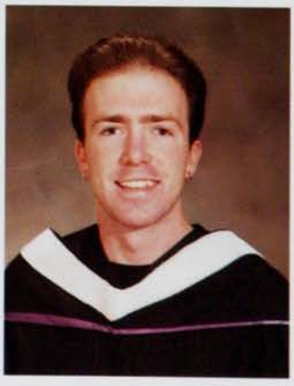
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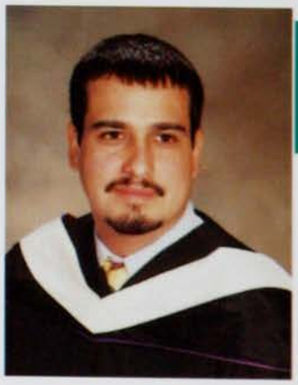
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Luke Enos
Theatre



Carlos Espinoza
Fine Arts



Evan S. Lavidor

Evan S. Lavidor is perhaps an example of a modern day renaissance man. He refused to accept traditionally perceived barriers between physical science, music, and religion, and all three flourished in his life while at GW. Lavidor double majored in Physics and Religion. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and received the Gus Weiss Prize in Physics. He was an active member of The Troubadours and became their musical director in his senior year. For his musically related activities, he received the Robert Howe Harmon and Grace Ruble Harmon Award. He also participated in Freshman Advising Workshops. Currently, he is working as the Special Projects Coordinator at the Transplant Recipients International Organization.



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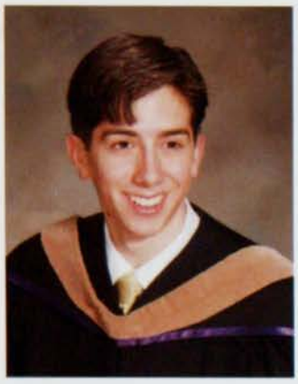
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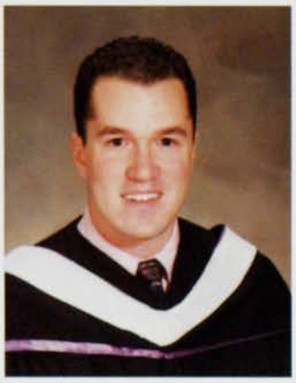
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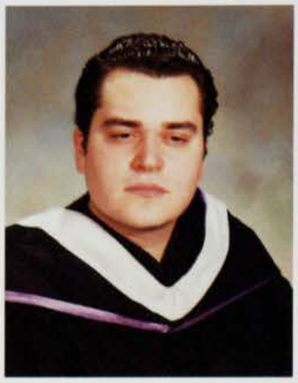
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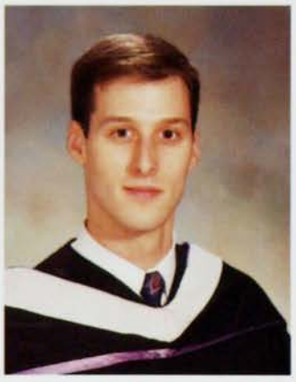
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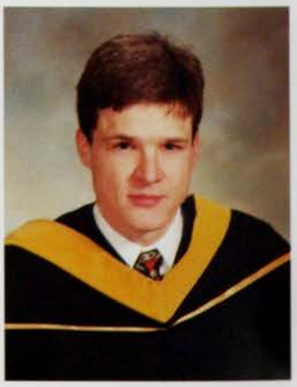
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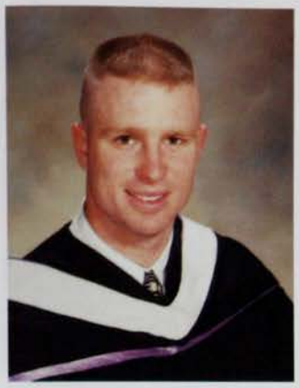
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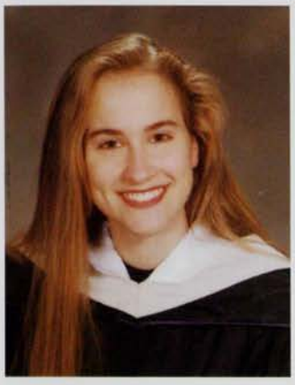
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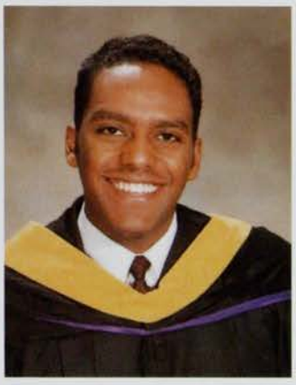
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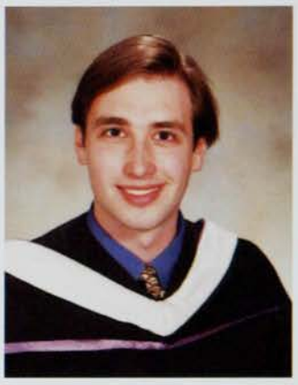
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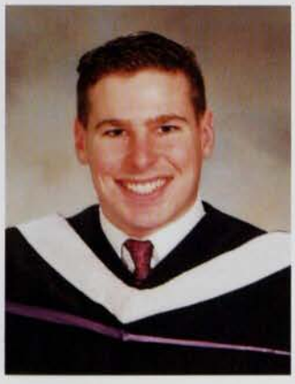
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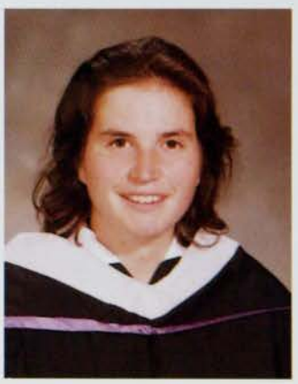
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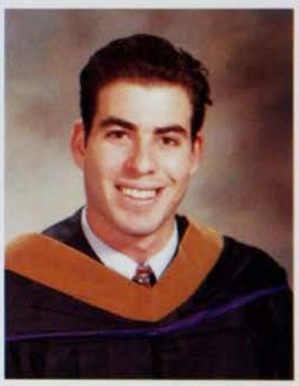
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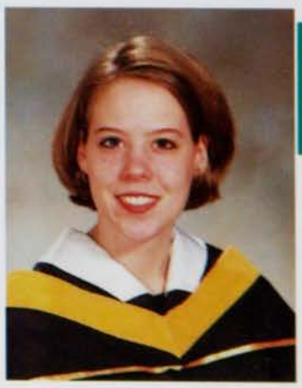
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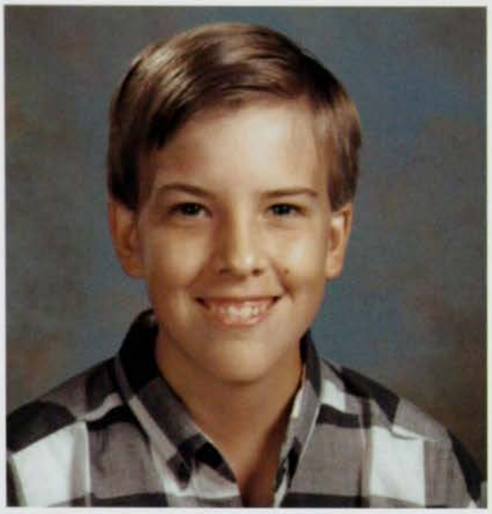


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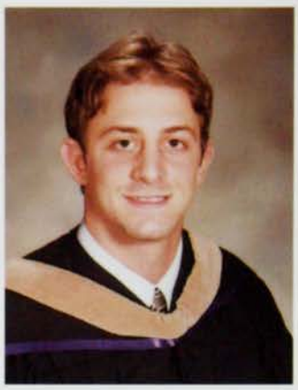
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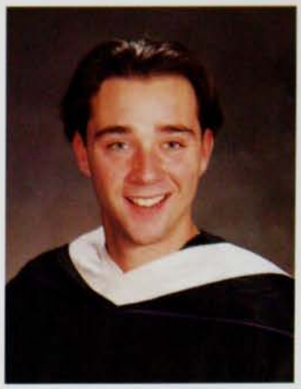


Greggor Mattson

Graduating summa cum laude and with departmental honors, Greggor Mattson received a degree in Sociology. Having great talents as a clarinetist, he played for the University Band, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Quartet. He was also a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, the band fraternity. Exercising his leadership, Greggor held office in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance as Executive Chair and as Social and Educational Chair. He also volunteered much of his time to the Community Circle, which plans service projects and volunteerism for different groups on campus. Atop his busy extracurricular schedule, Greggor was also an amazing student, being a member of the Honors Program and, notably, earning a Fellowship to Oxford University, where he will earn a Master of Science degree in Sociology in the following years.



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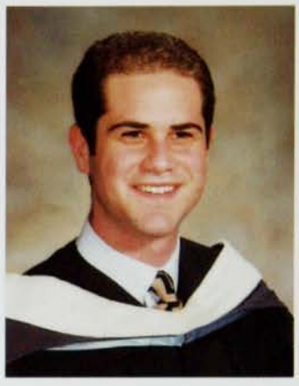
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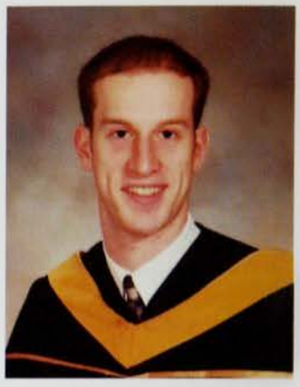
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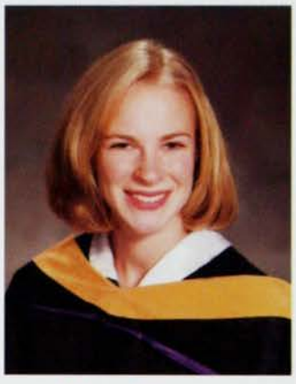
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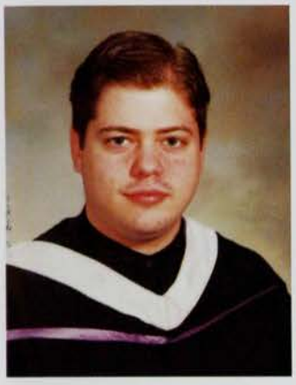
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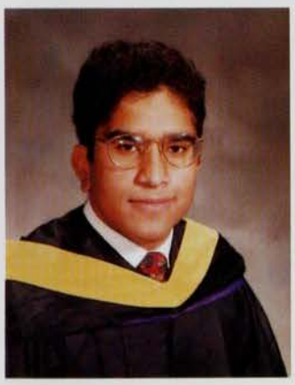
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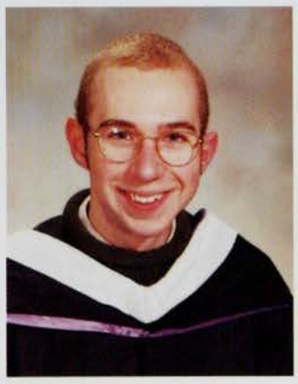
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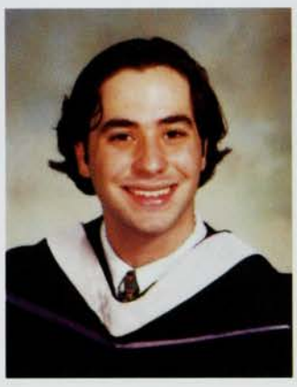
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Tara Grace
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Justin Graves
Psychology

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Heather Malkin

Heather Malkin served as President of the Panhellenic Association, this past year. She has also been a member of Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Sigma Delta Tau. During the summer of 1996, Heather was the Summer Programs Coordinator, a position which got her involved in events, such as C. I. Siblings, Welcome Week, and Summer Series. On an academic note, she was a Presidential Academic Scholar and just became a Presidential Administrative Fellow for the next two years. She was a member of the Leadership Team and organized the Panhellenic Fashion Show for Breast Cancer Research. Heather was actively involved with the National Breast Cancer Coalition, as well. For several years, she volunteered her time at Martha's Table and Stevens Elementary School.



Wendy Gray
Radio & Television



Shana Greatman
Political Science



Jason Greenberg
Criminal Justice



Traci Greenberg
International Affairs



Steffanie Grzesik
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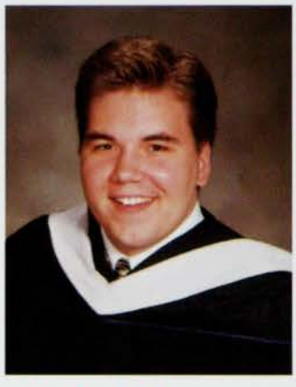
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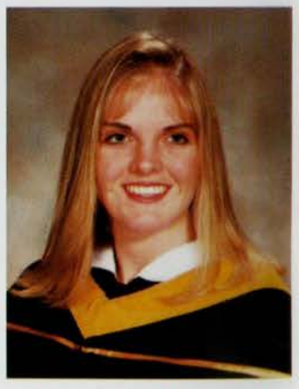
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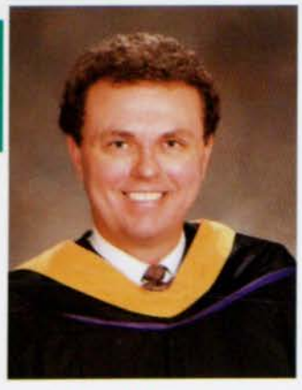
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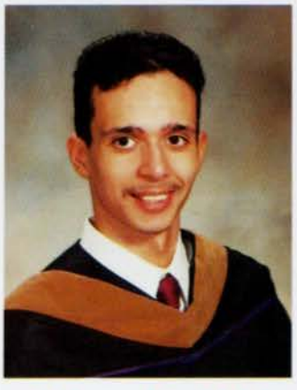
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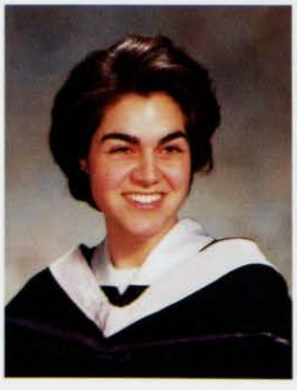
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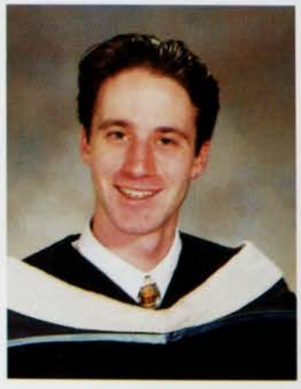
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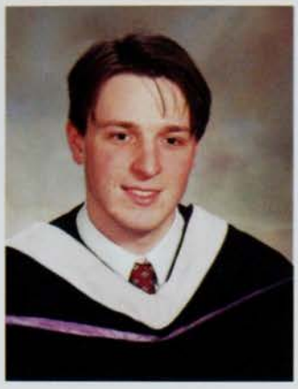
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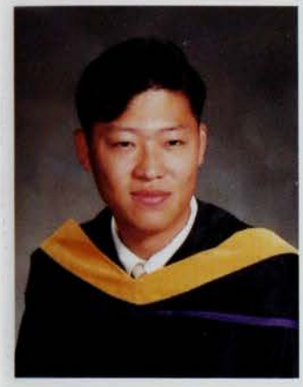
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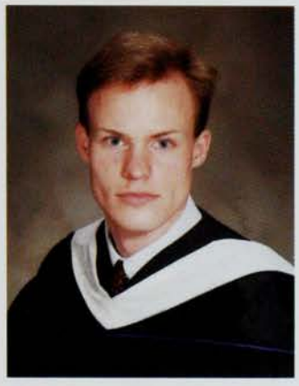
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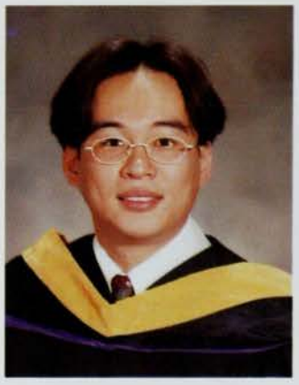
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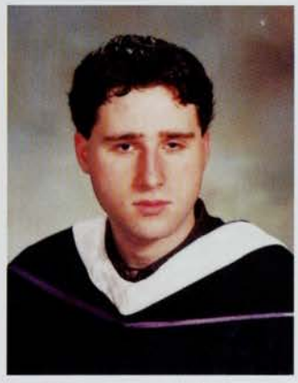
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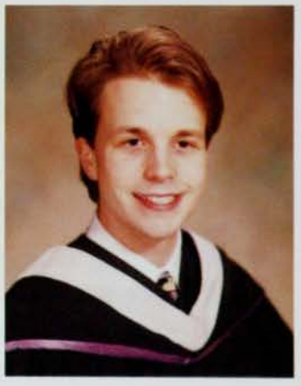
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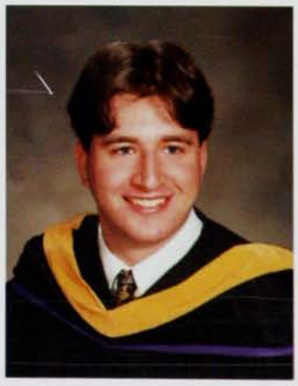
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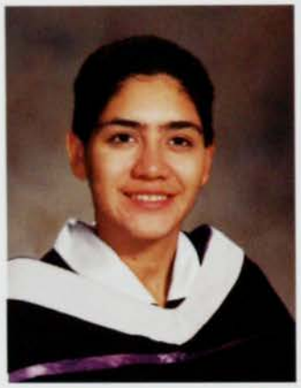
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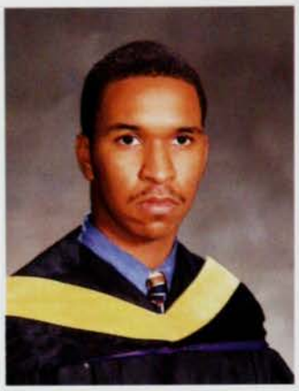
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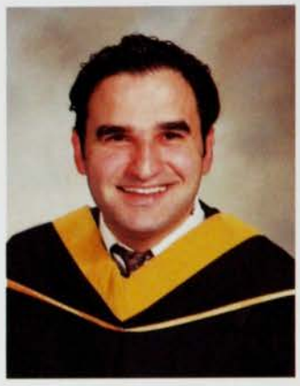


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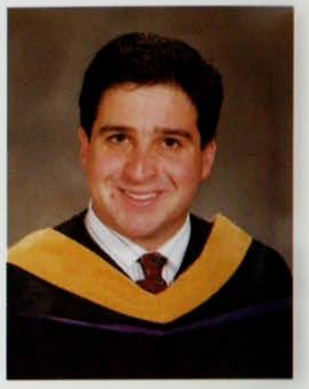
Jason Alan Chautin, a native of Acton, Massachusetts, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Jason also received a minor in Communication. During his four years at GW, Jason participated in many different organizations. As a Baer Award winner for individual excellence in 1996, Jason.was recognized for his hard work and dedication to The Cherry Tree. He has served as Events Editor, Business Manager, Co-Editor, and as Editor in Chief. While making this year's yearbook a great success, he managed a staff of more than fifty people and a budget of more than $125,000. He also managed to find time to volunteer in Alpha Phi Omega, the nation's largest service fraternity. In his spare time, Jason also was a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key National Honor Society, GW's pep band, SNAP, and was Editor of SBPM's newsletter, The Forecast. Jason will be working for Andersen Consulting after graduation.



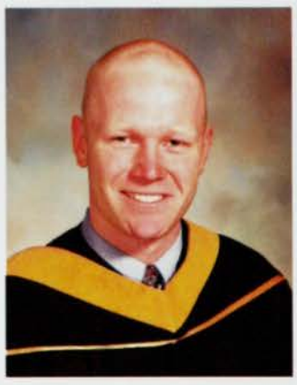
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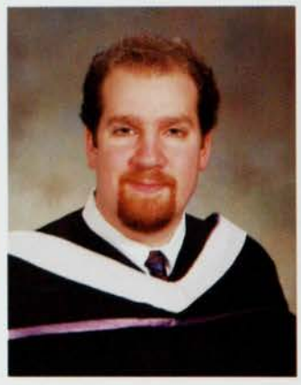
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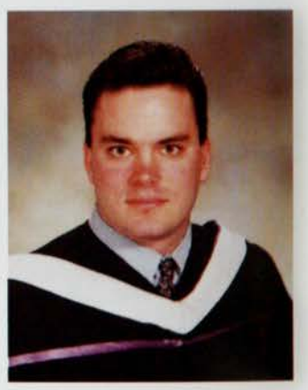
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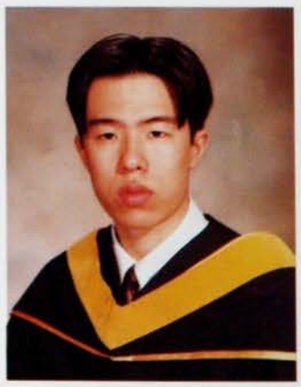
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Jennifer Wagner Humm

Jennifer Wagner Humm is a Bachelor of Business Administration major with a field of concentration in Finance. Jennifer also will be graduating with a secondary field in Sociology. She is a National Merit Scholar and a recipient of a Presidential Academic Scholarship. Jenn has held numerous positions during her four years which include being an Honors Program Mentor and participating in the CSAS Freshman Advising Workshop as a student advisor. She has served as the Riverside Hall Council Treasurer, a SBPM Sophomore Get-Away Committee member and Co-Chairman of the SBPM Leadership Retreat Committee. She has been working in the office of Representative Michael D. Crapo, as a correspondence assistant and has interned as an assistant to a senior loan office at First Washington Mortgage.



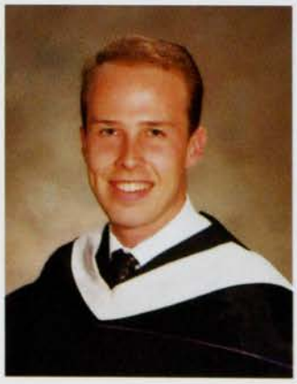
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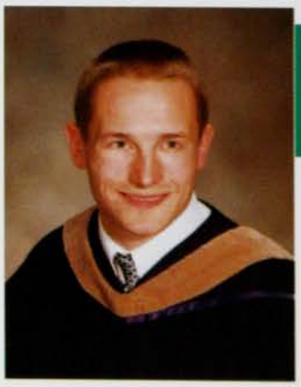
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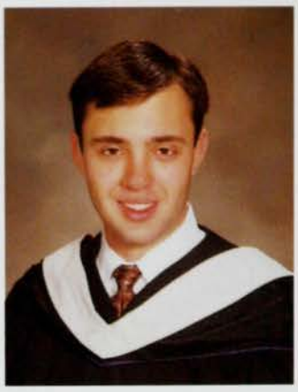
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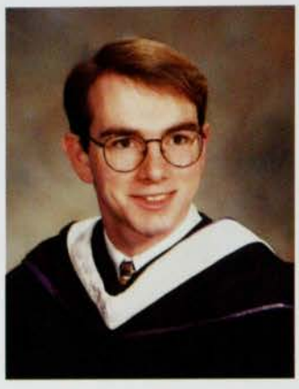
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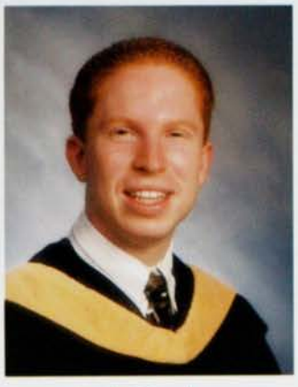
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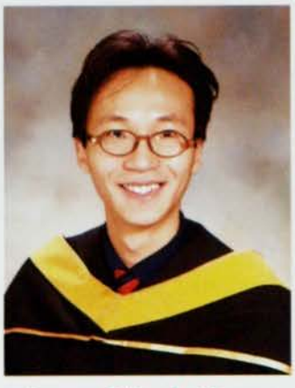
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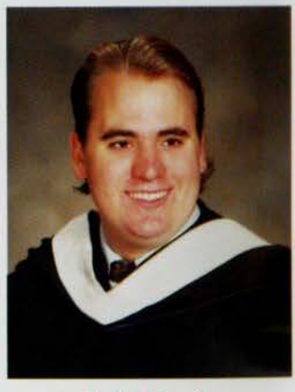
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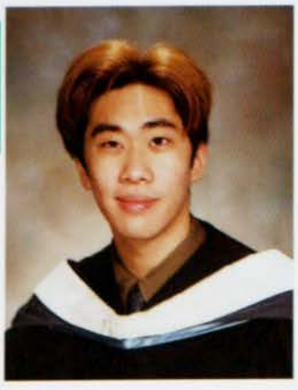
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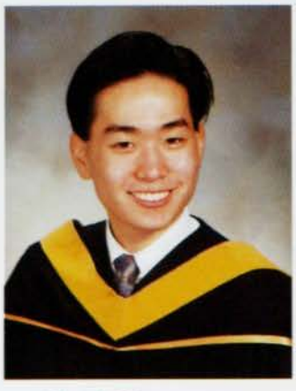
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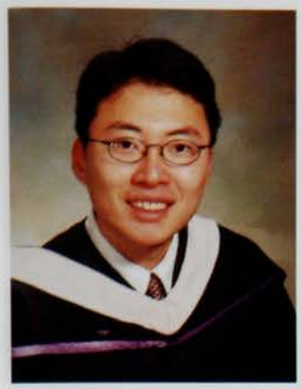
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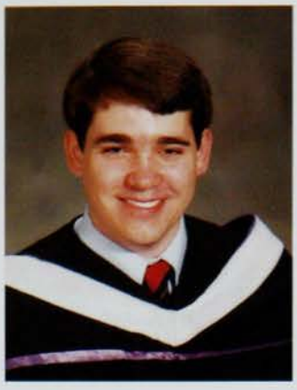
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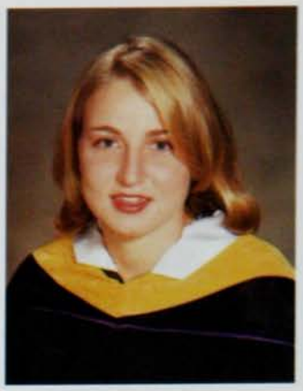
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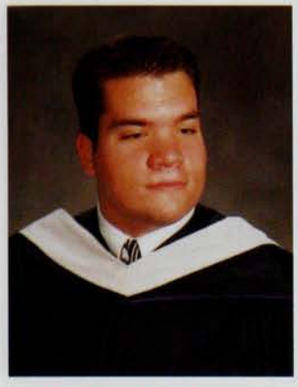
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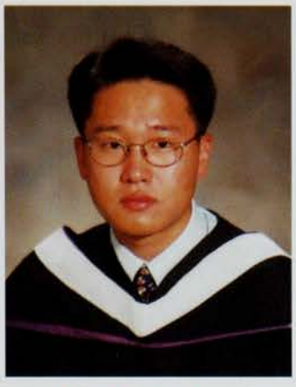
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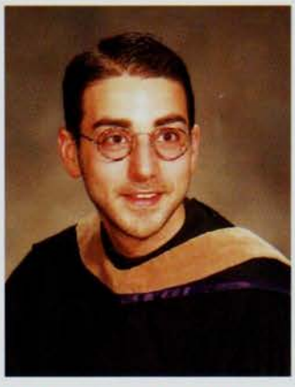
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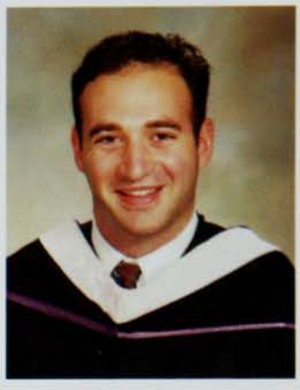
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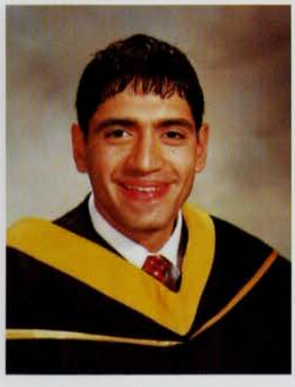
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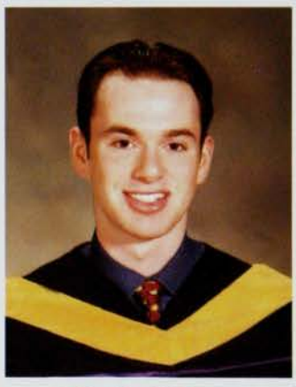
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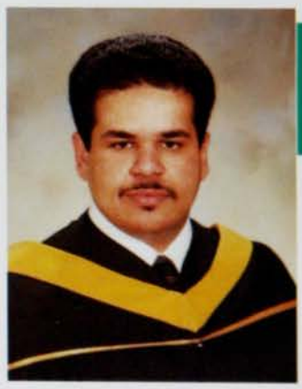
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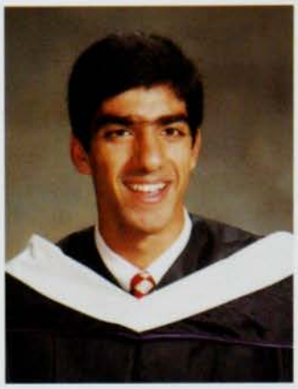


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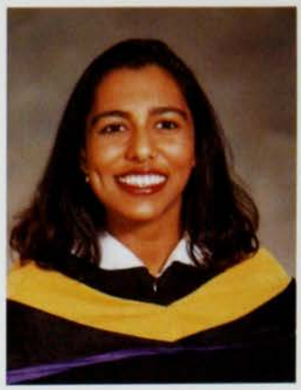
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Jessica Van Nostrand has a love of the arts. She was a member of The Troubadours and toured in Prague with them in the summer of 1996. She served as their business manager and contact, helping them make two CD's a reality. In the University Singers, she made several leadership contributions, such as being section leader of the soprano section. She also won the esteemed Harmon Choral Award. A well-rounded individual, Jessica was also fluent in German. During her sophomore year, she wrote for Wooden Teeth. Not only did she have a love of writing, but she also loved fine art and theater. Jessica was Theater Manager at the Marvin Center's Dorothy Betts Theater. During her junior year, she interned at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA.. She also interned at the Washington Bach Consort. She majored in Art History, and graduated cum laude.



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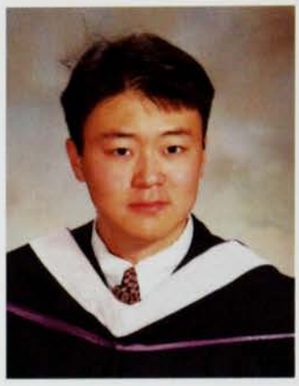
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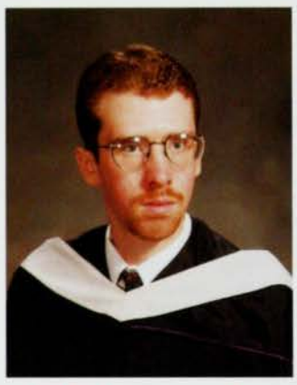
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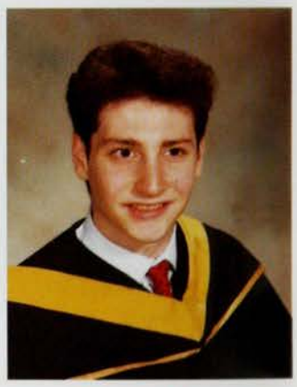
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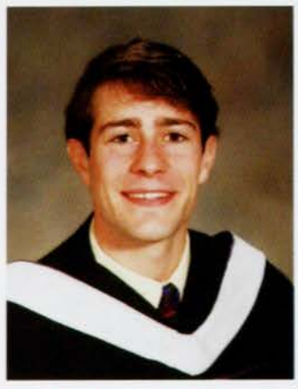
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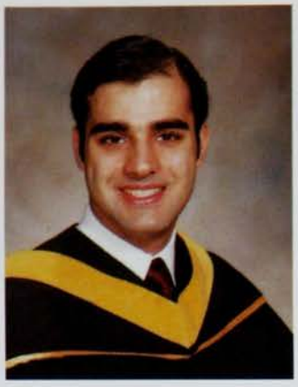
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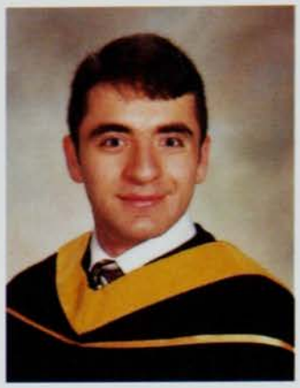
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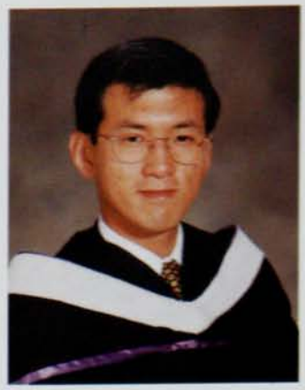
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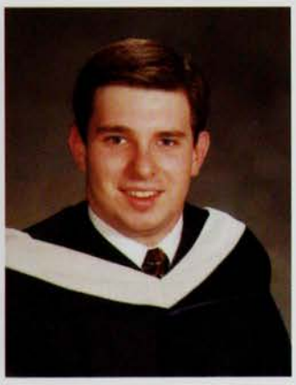
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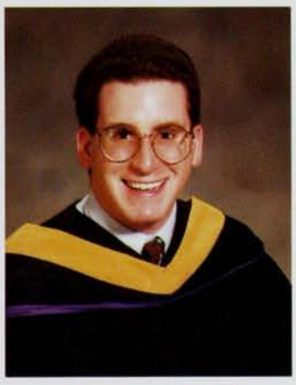
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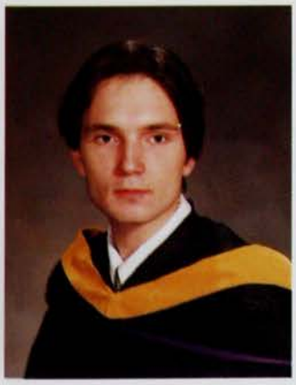
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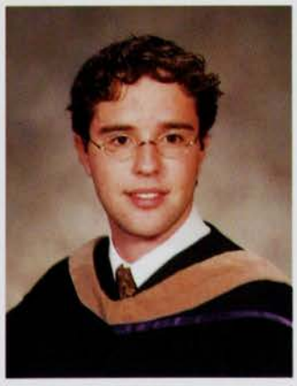
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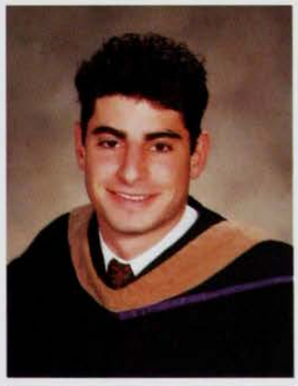
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John Cosgriff

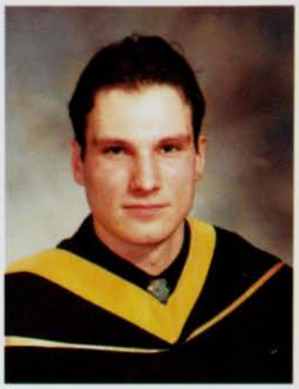
John Cosgriff graduated with a degree in Finance. He was President and Founder of the University Consulting Group. For the School of Business and Public Management, he worked on its newsletter, The Forecast. A professor in the School of Business and Public Management summed up John's great academic aptitude, by stating that John "competes with the best of the advanced MBA students." After graduating from GW, John will work for Andersen Consulting, one of the top ten consulting firms in the nation.



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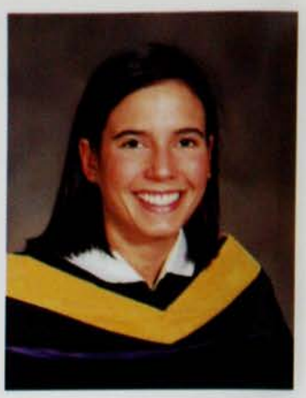
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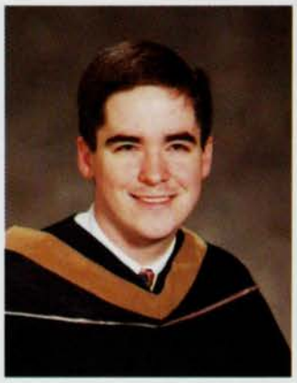
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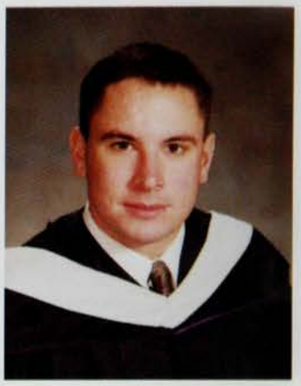
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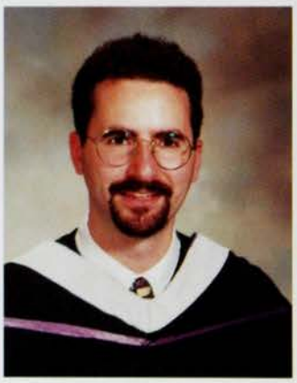
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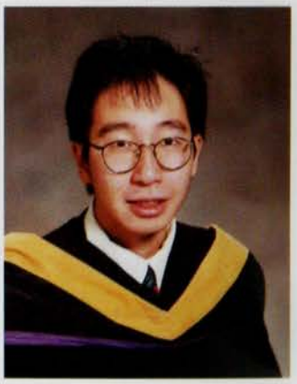
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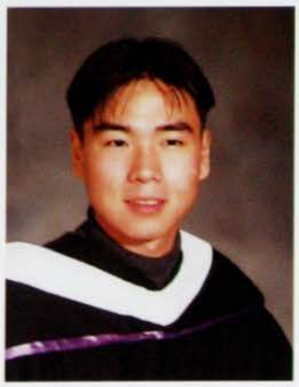
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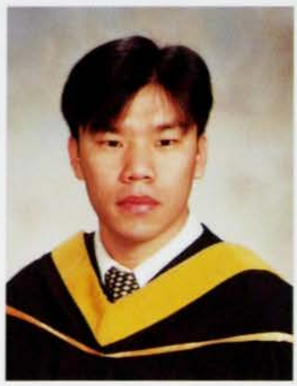
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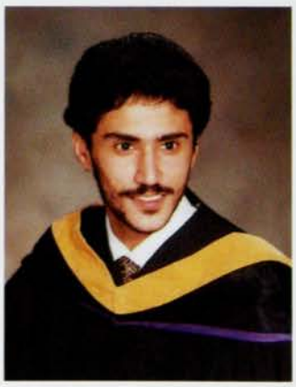
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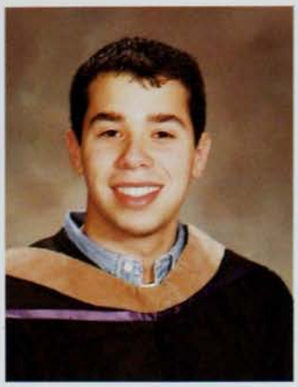
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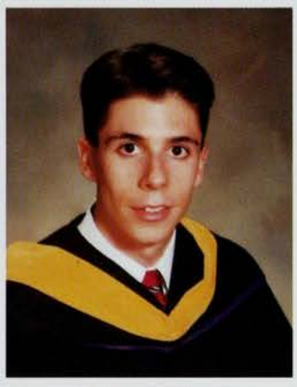
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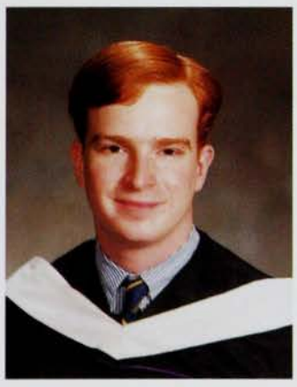
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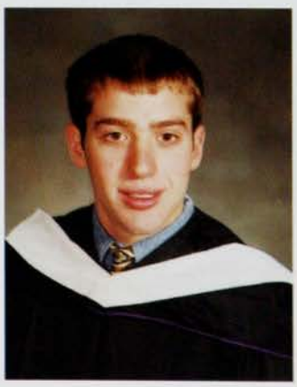
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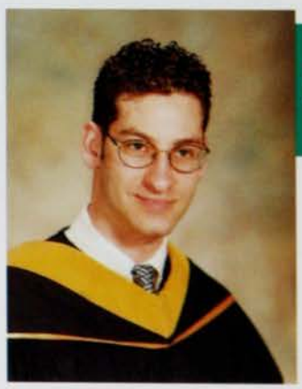
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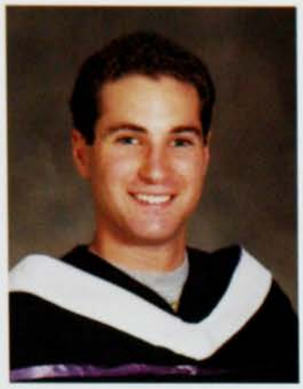
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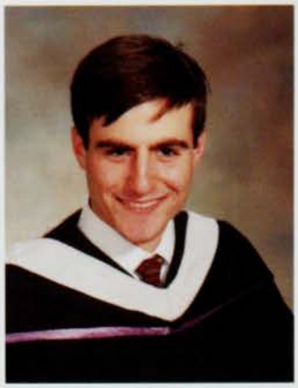
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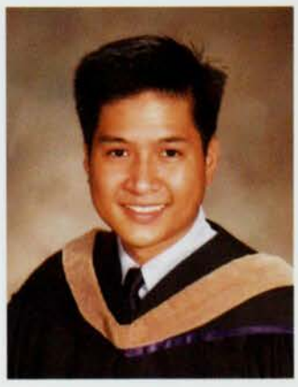
Amy Lin
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Kathryn Richardson

Kathryn "Kate" Richardson graduated this May with "Special Honors" in Chemistry. She won the Chemical Rubber Company Award for Outstanding Achievement in Introductory Chemistry. Her academic honors and achievements earned her admission into the GWU Medical School's Early Selection Program. She also was awarded the A.D. Britt Scholarship for Summer Research in Chemistry. Outside of her field, Kate always had a knack for helping others. She was an officer of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity. With the skills and talents she has developed in sign language, she volunteered her services to the hearing-impaired.



Teodoro Llamanzares
Information Systems



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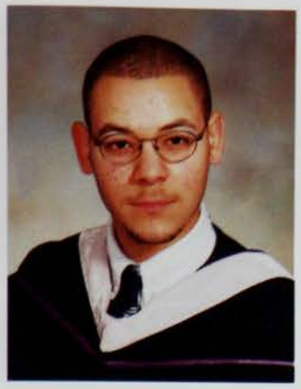


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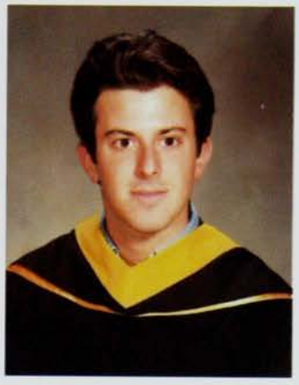
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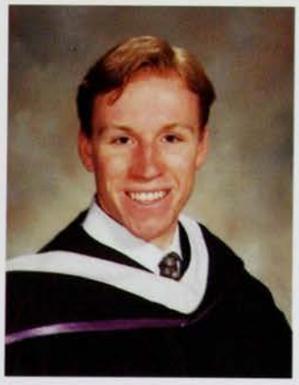


Lance Rothenberg

A strong leader, Lance Evan Rothenberg, a Political Communication major with minors in Radio/ Television and Political Science, has gained much experience from his education and extracurricular activities. Lance was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, in which he served as President, Vice President, and Community Service Chairman. As a leader in his fraternity, he created and implemented the Dress Your Neighbor Clothing Drive, a program which was twice awarded the Greek Letter Philanthropy of the Year. He was on the GW Colonial Cabinet in the summer of 1995. As a SA senator, Lance was appointed to the Financial Affairs Committee and to the Student Life Committee. His outstanding academic achievements have earned him membership to Golden Key National Honor Society and to National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Appropriately this past year, Lance was named GWU Greek Man of the Year.



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Eric Mangan
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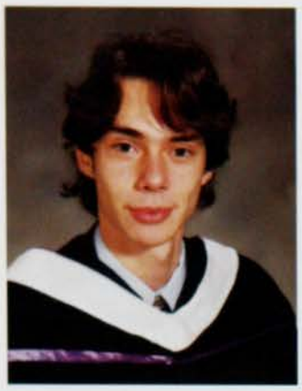
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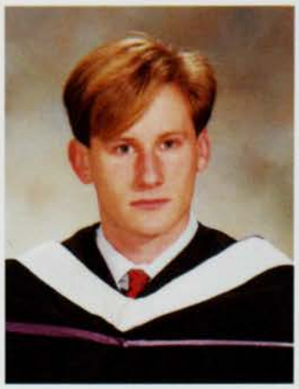
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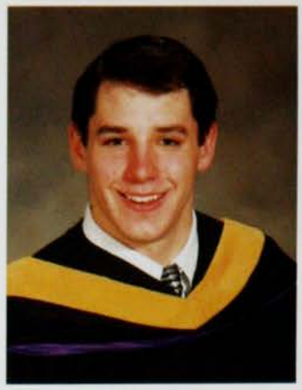
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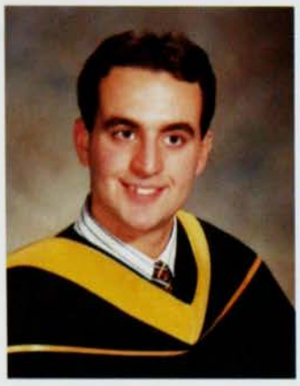
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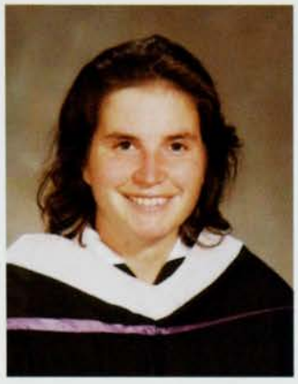
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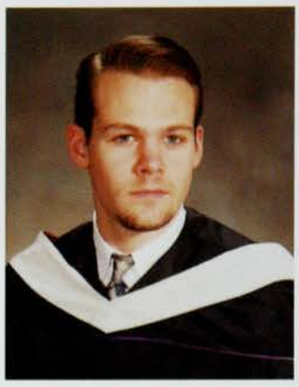
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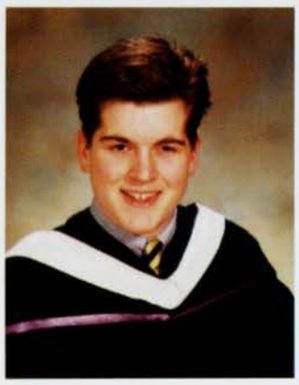
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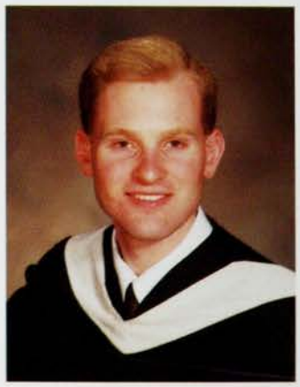
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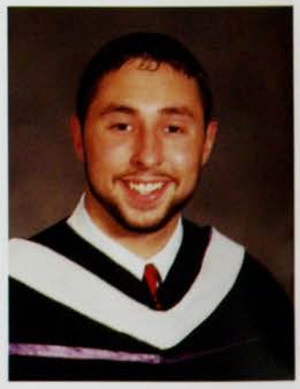
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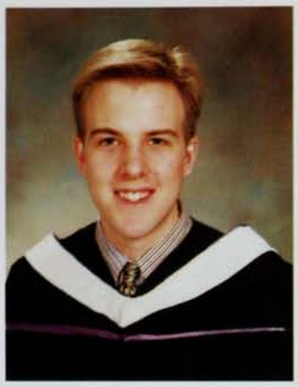
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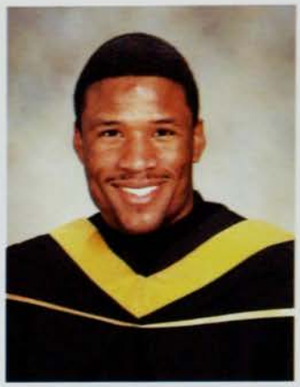
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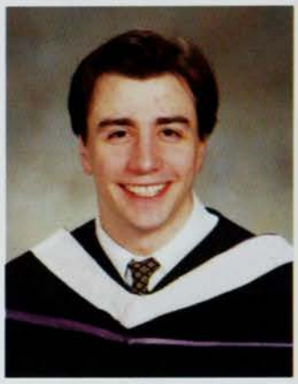
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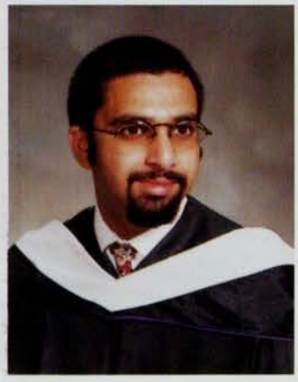
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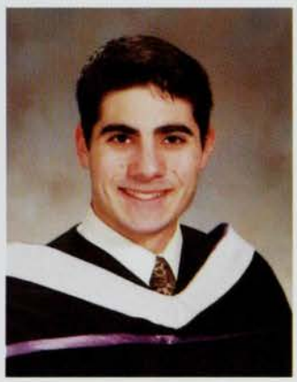
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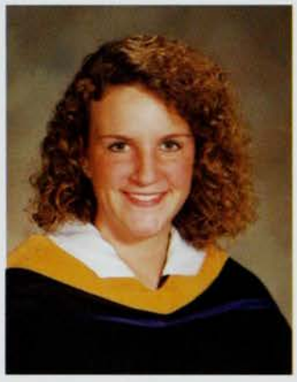
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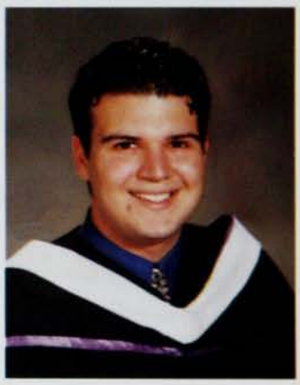
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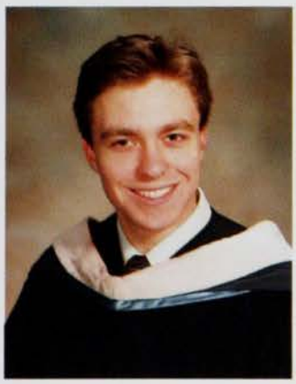
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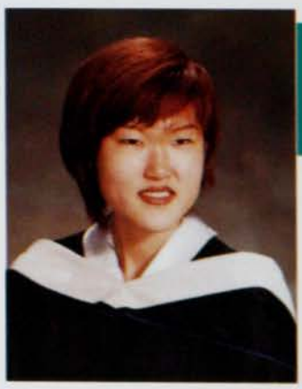
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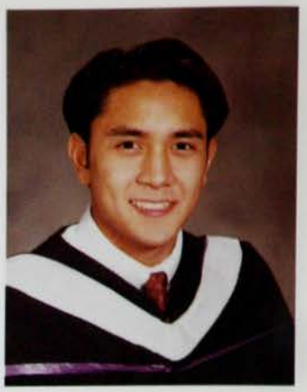
As an English major and a Creative Writing minor, Mary Elizabeth Buhot has a passion for writing. In her GW years, she has contributed a wealth of great achievements to her field. Not only was she an academic scholar, but she also was Editor-in-Chief of Wooden Teeth for two years and wrote a short fictional work "A Start" for Taking Off, an anthology of children's literature. She was a member of the University Honors Program and of Golden Key National Honor Society. She also wrote articles for the "Arts and Leisure" section of The Hatchet. Mary Elizabeth interned in the Public Affairs department of Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA and at the American Petroleum Institute. She also served as a tutor at Garnet-Patterson Middle School.



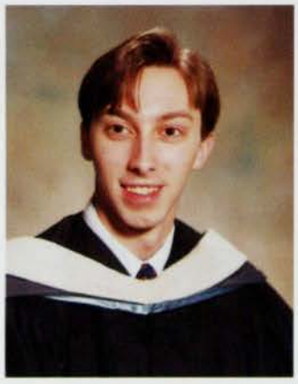
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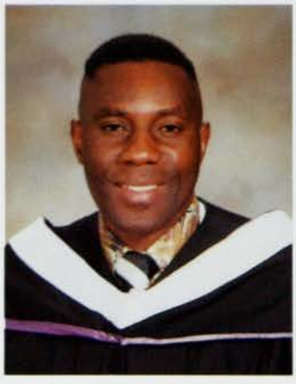
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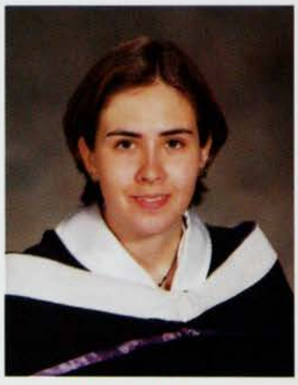
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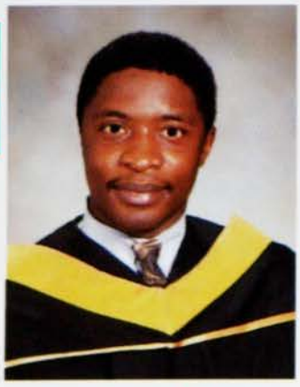
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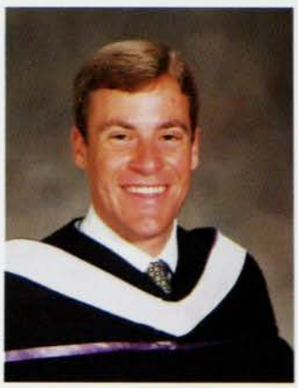
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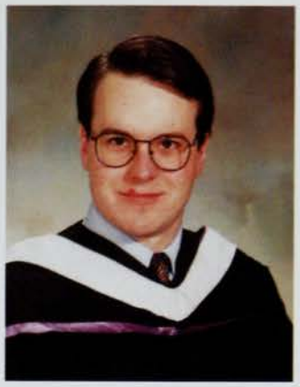
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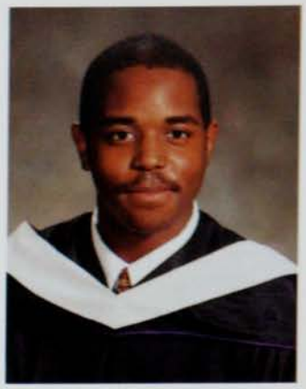
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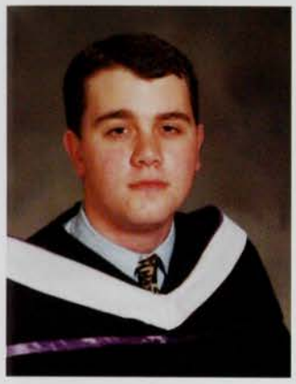
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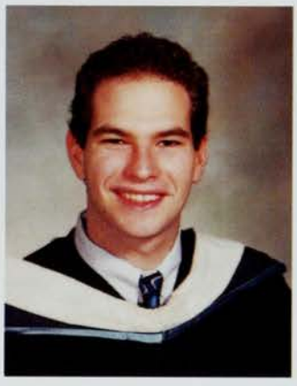
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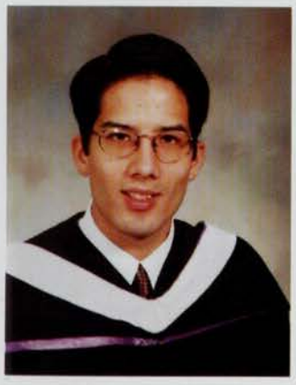
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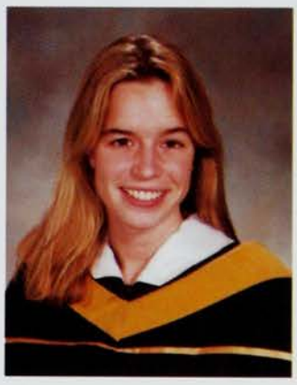
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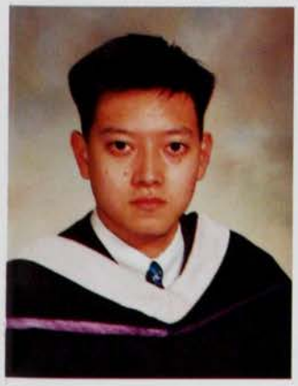
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Matthew Zierler

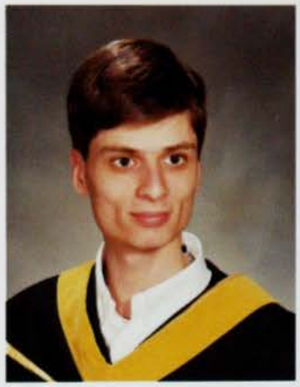
Matthew Zierler graduated from the Elliott School of International Affairs with a degree in International Affairs, concentrating in International Politics with secondary fields in Political Science and German. He showed a strong commitment to his academics, to his field of study, and to his university. He received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Citation for being in the top 2% of his class. He has taken his skills and applied them at the Student Conference on United States Affairs at West Point and at an internship at the Voice of America. His service at GW include work at the admissions office, STAR, and the peer advising center.



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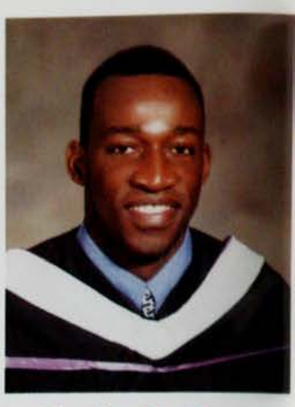
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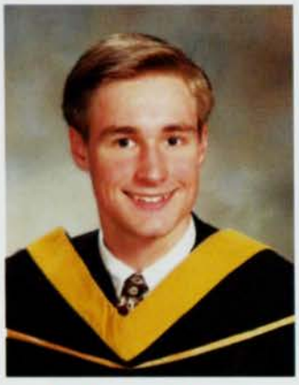
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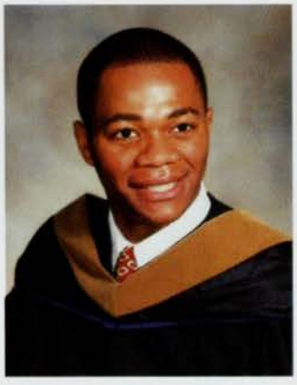
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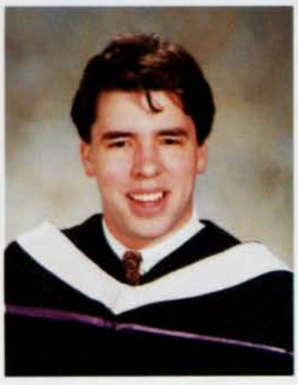
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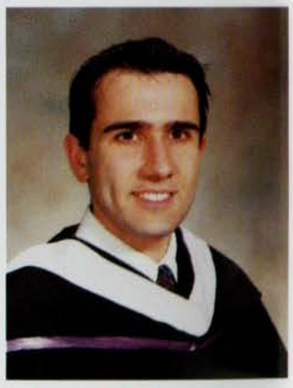
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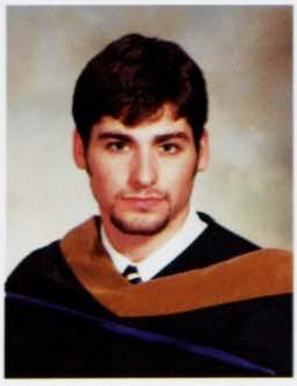
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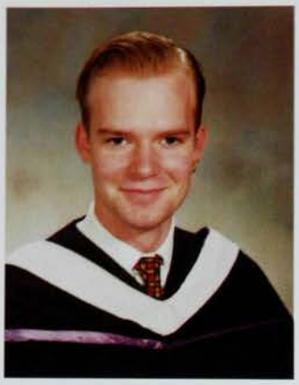
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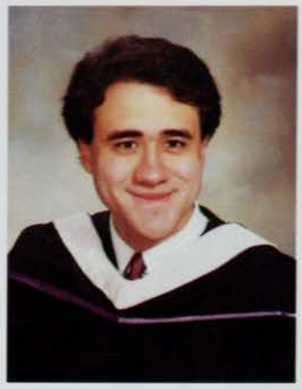
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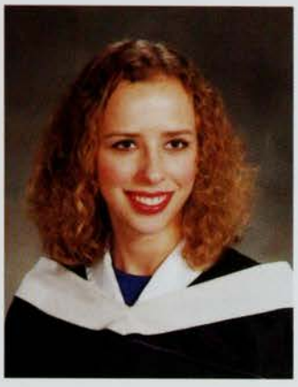
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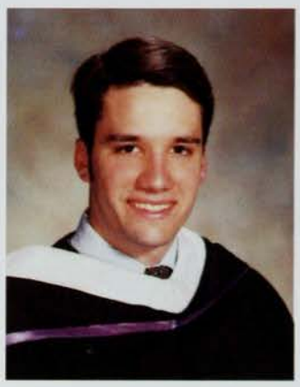
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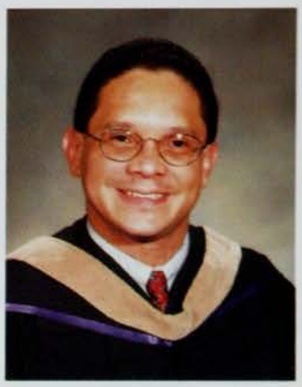
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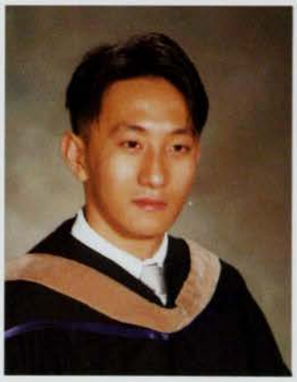
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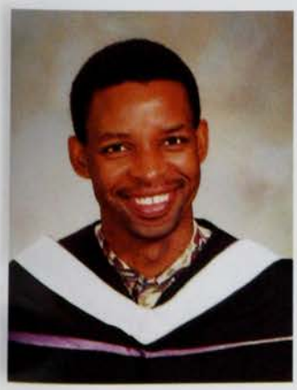
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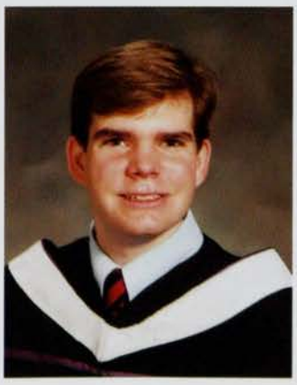
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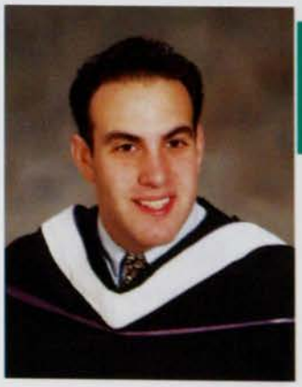
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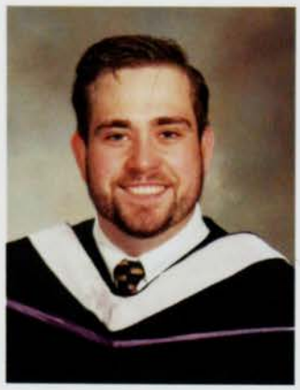
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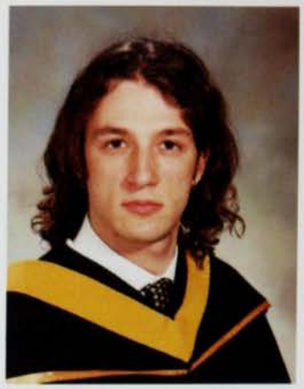
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Melinda Pollack

Melinda Pollack, a Communication and Human Services major, was on the Dean's List every semester at GW. With an impressive GPA, she became a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. In 1994, she was selected as 1 out of 13 students from GW and Howard to participate in a program focusing on Black/Jewish relations on the college campus. This program, which was sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, took her and her colleagues to South Africa. As an academic scholar, she received a nomination for selection as a member of the 1997 All-USA Academic Team.



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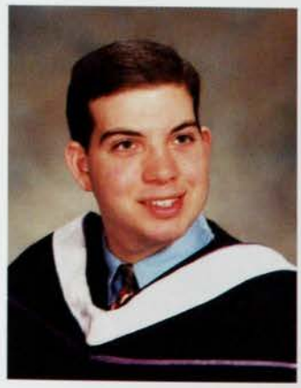
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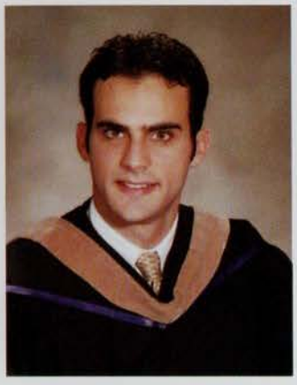
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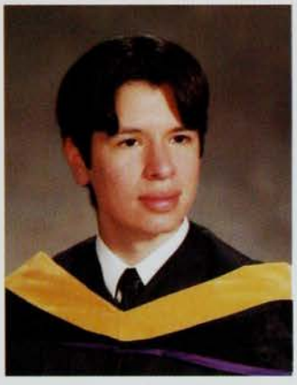
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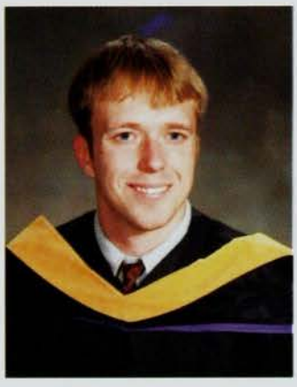
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Economics



Marieka Prince
Biology



Rodeny Jay C. Salinas

Rodney Jay C. Salinas has been committed to creating intercultural understanding by providing quality programming to the GW campus. He coordinated the award-winning Welcome Week 1995 and has served on the committees for events such as Unity Week, Black History Celebration, and International Week. Rodney's dedication and love of The Program Board is evident through his countless hours of work. He possesses a sincere passion in all his efforts, continually keeping in mind the best interests of the University community. He has been an advocate for all students and has been honored by many organizations for his leadership and contribution to the university.



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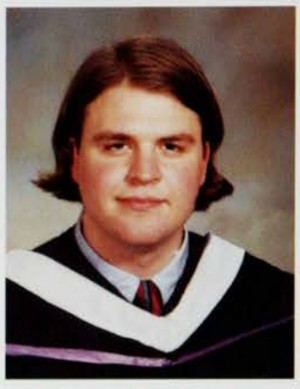
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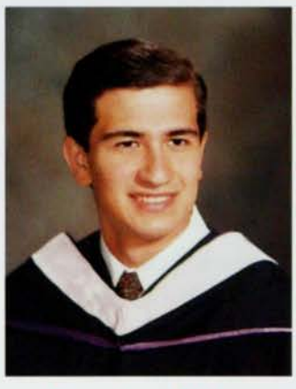
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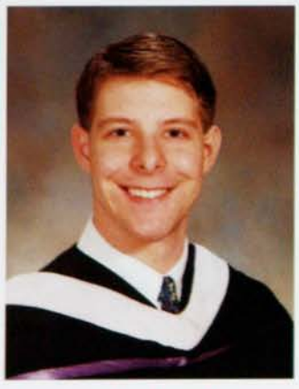
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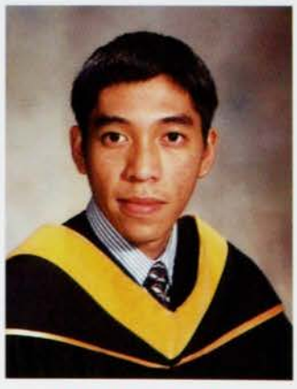
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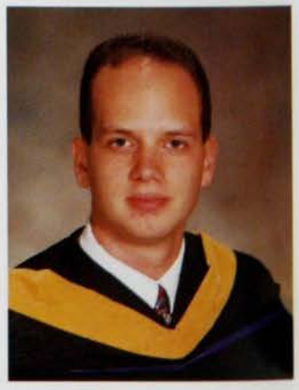
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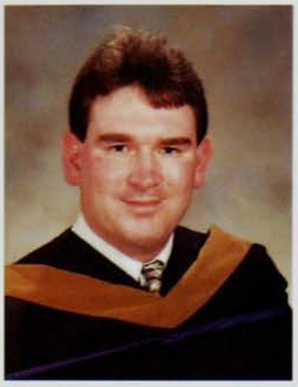
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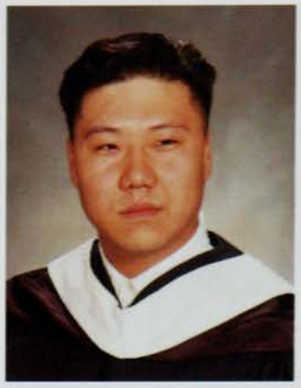
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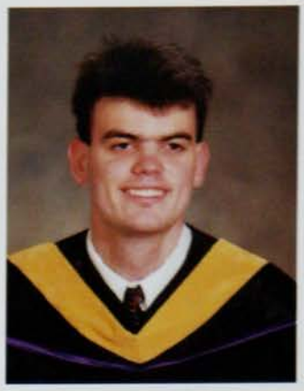
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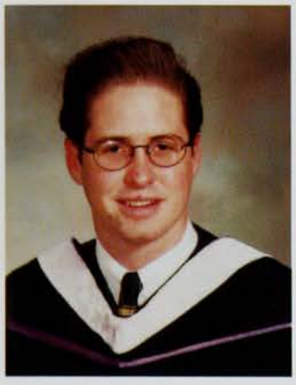
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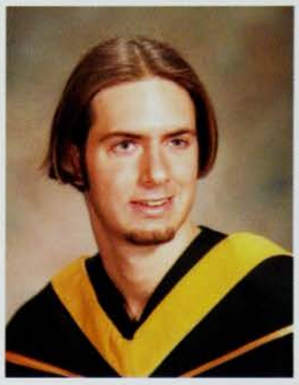
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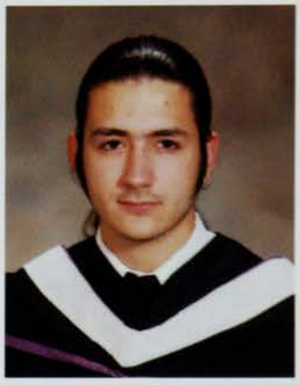
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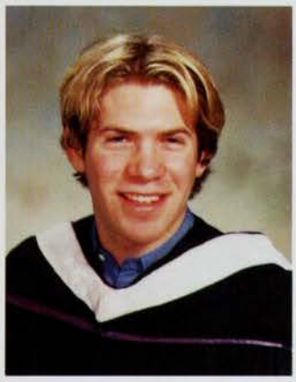
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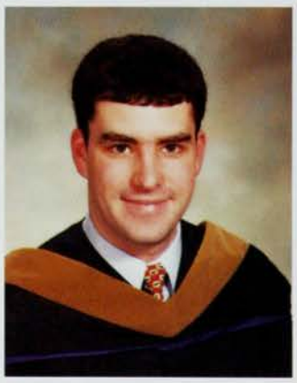
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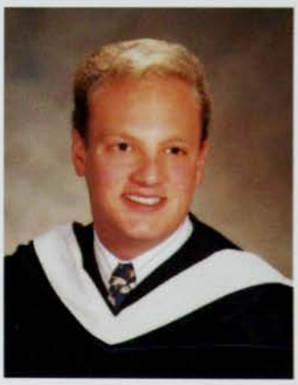
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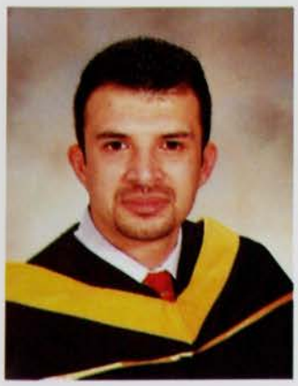
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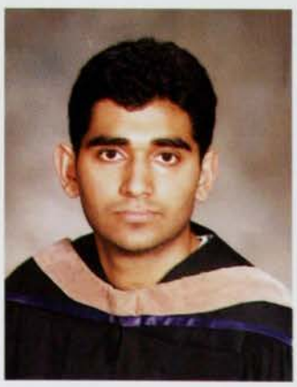
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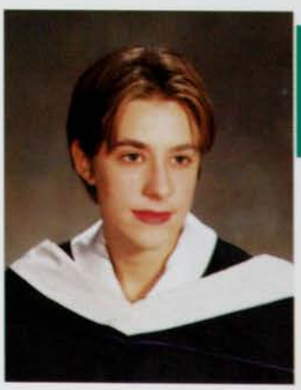
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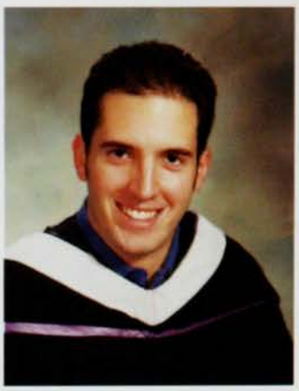
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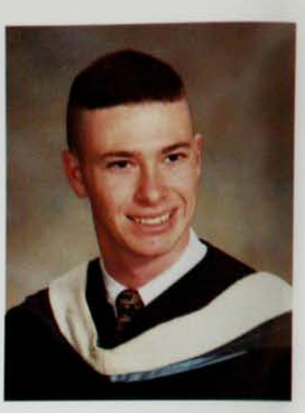
Ronald Jacobs is an exemplary figure who shows the rewards and viability of volunteerism in post-secondary education. He graduated form the Elliot School of International Affairs with a concentration in International Economics. During his studies at GW, he managed to keep on top of his studies while contributing extraordinarily to the campus and the community. As a member of the Residence Hall Association, he was Martha's Marathon co-chair and a hall representative. In addition to this work, he also acted as a peer advisor and a Teach America Tutor. He also worked with the Newman Center Steering Committee and the Student Contracts Committee.



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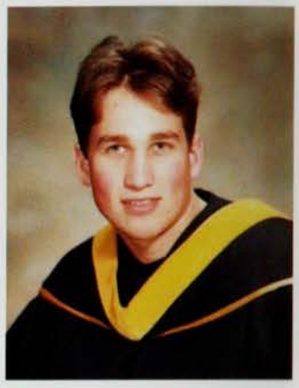
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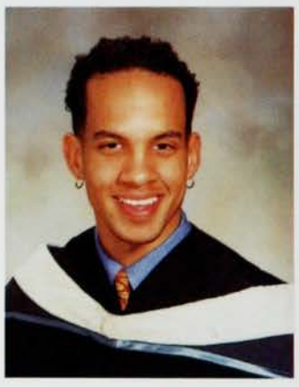
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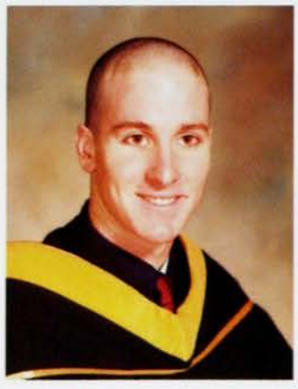
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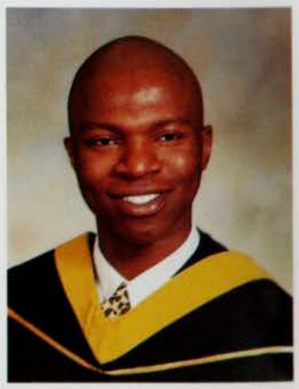
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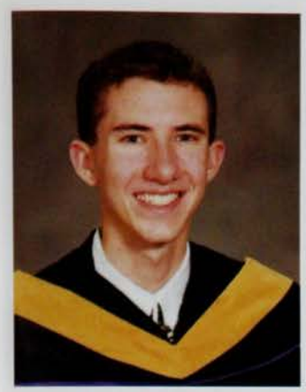
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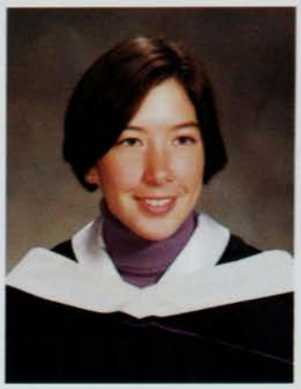
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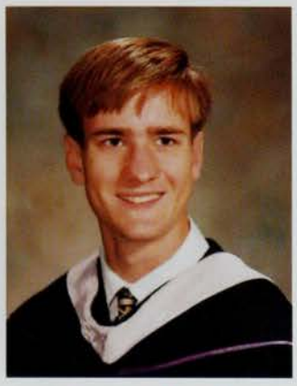
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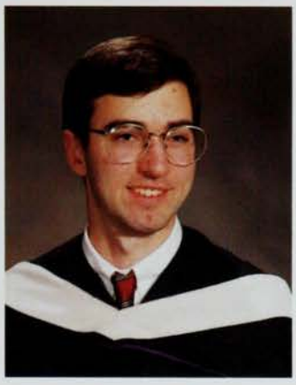
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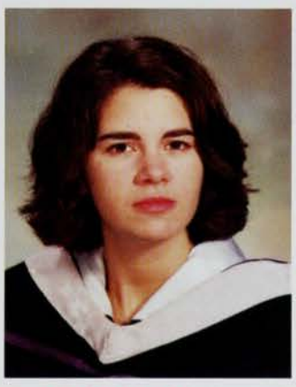
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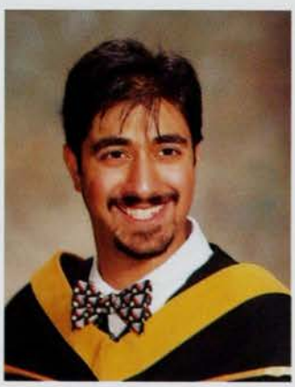
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Scott Dubow

Scott Dubow has certainly established himself as an outstanding student. He graduated with "Special Honors" in Chemistry. Scott came to GW as one of the first Presidential Science Scholars. Since his freshman year, Scott has been a member of Best Buddies and served as the organization's Treasurer one year. Impressively, he was a University Honors Program mentor and was admitted to the GWU Medical School's Early Selection Program. During his spring semester of his junior year, Scott studied at the University of Sussex. Some of his many accomplishments and awards include being a specially selected instructor in the Chemistry 3 Laboratory Program and receiving the College Chemistry Achievement Award from the Washington Chapter of the American Chemical Society.



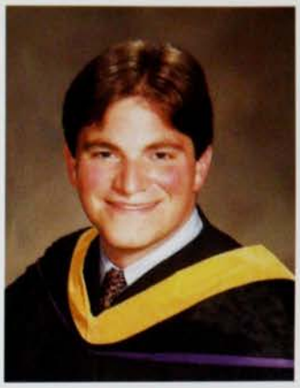
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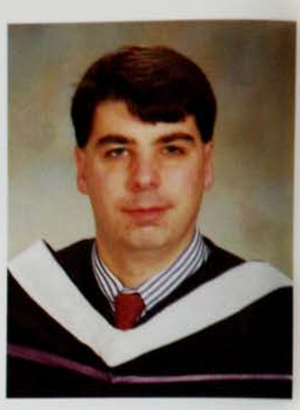
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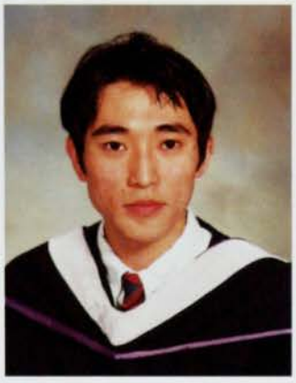
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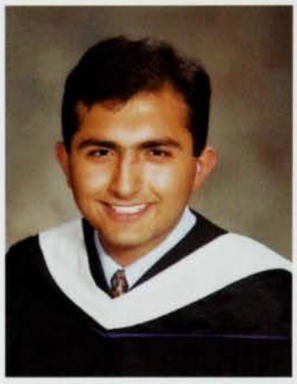
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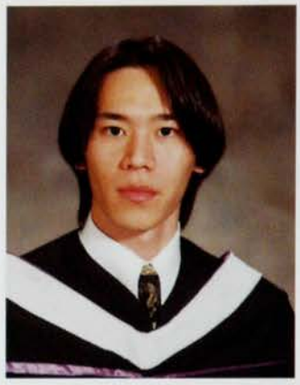
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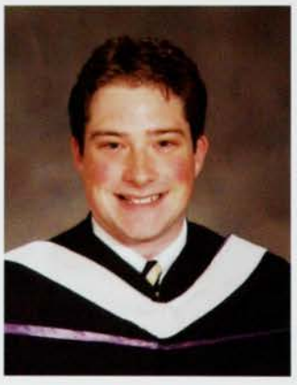
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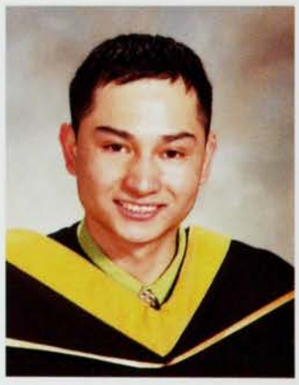
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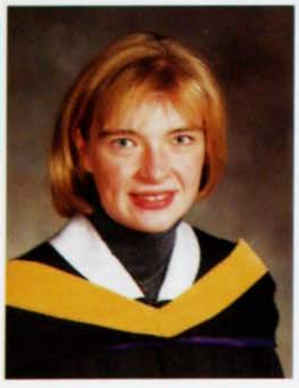
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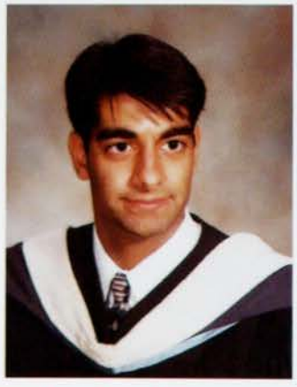
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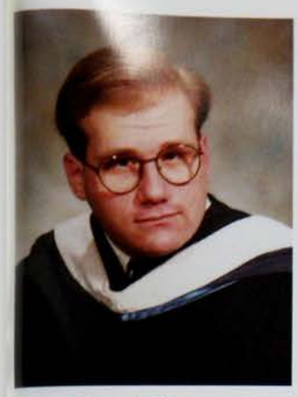
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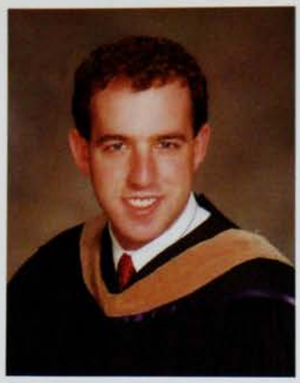
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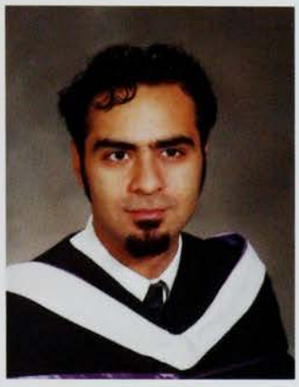
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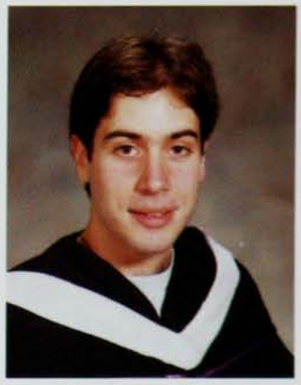
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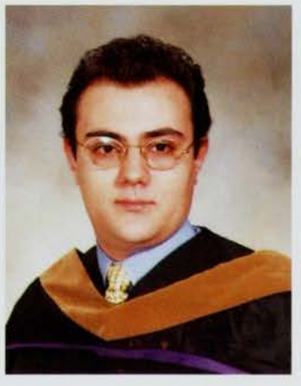
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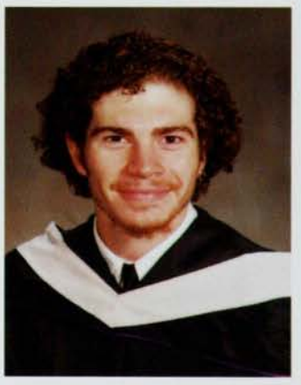
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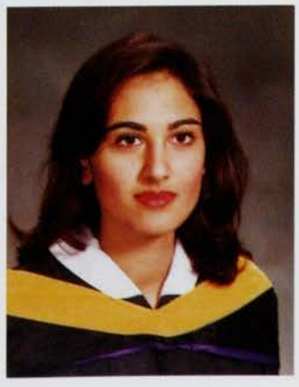
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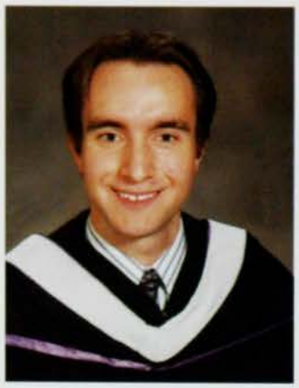
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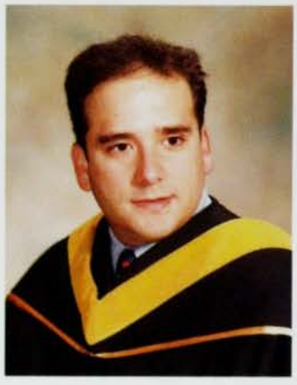
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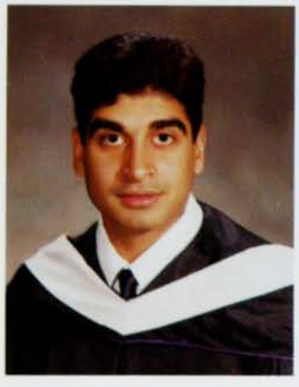
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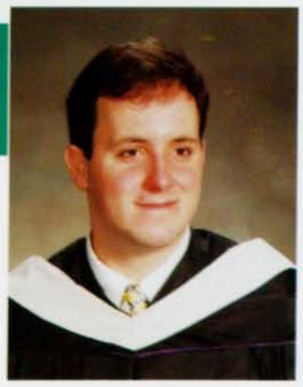
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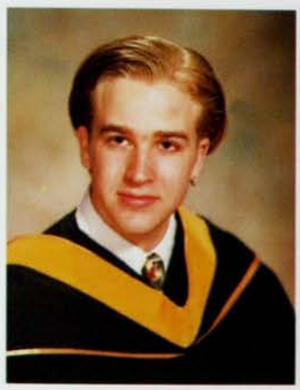
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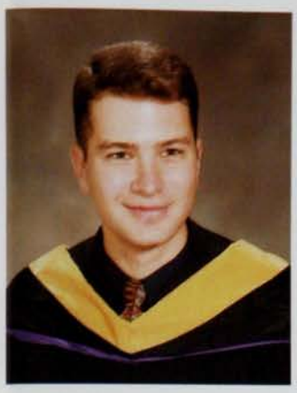
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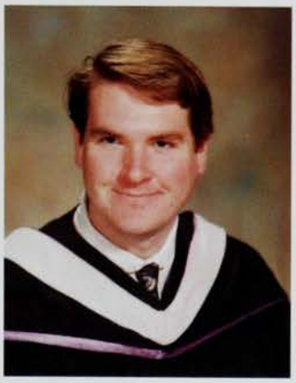
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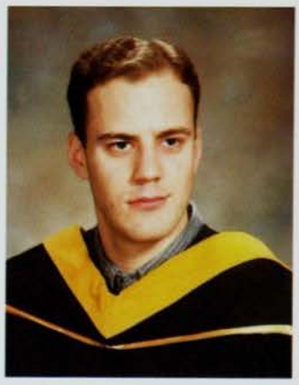
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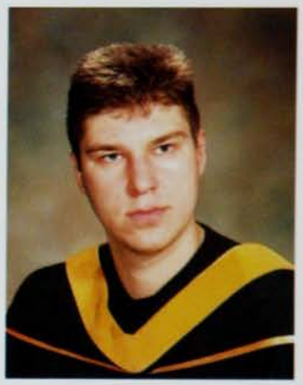
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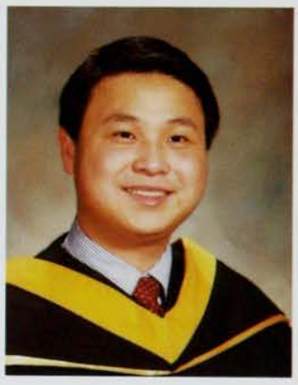
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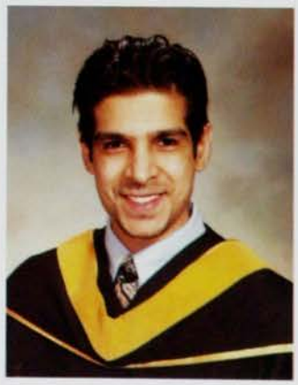
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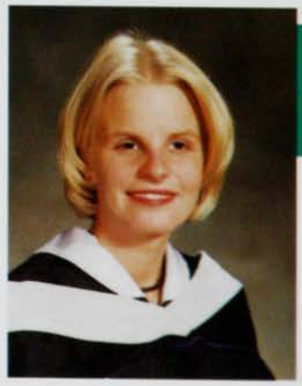
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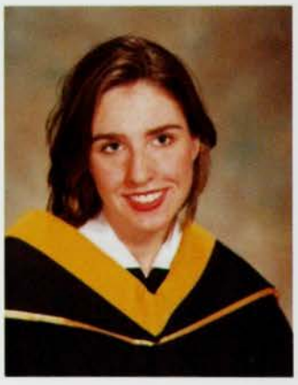
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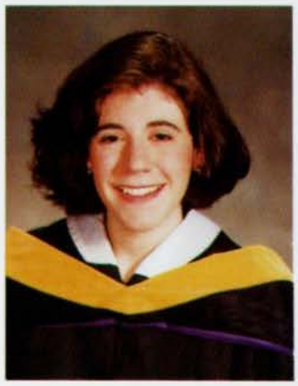
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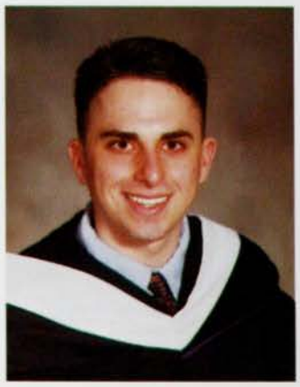
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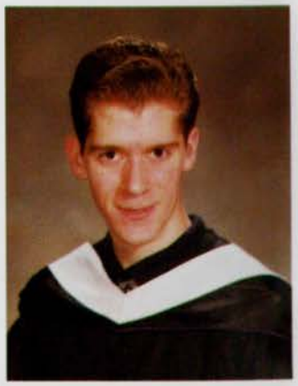
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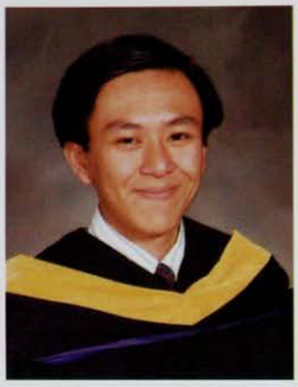
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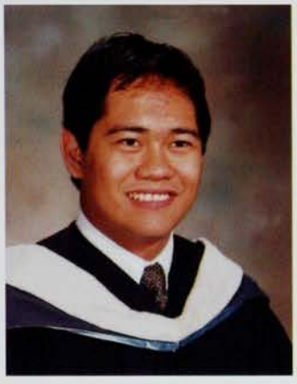
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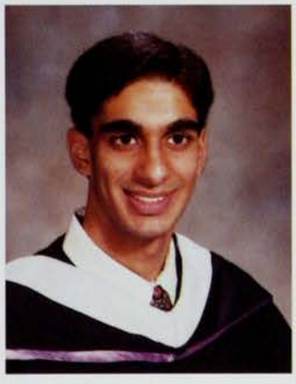
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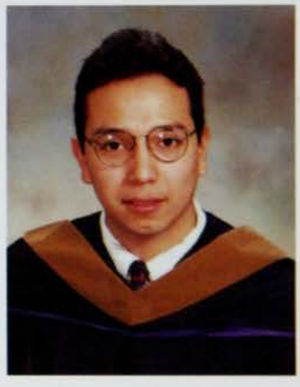
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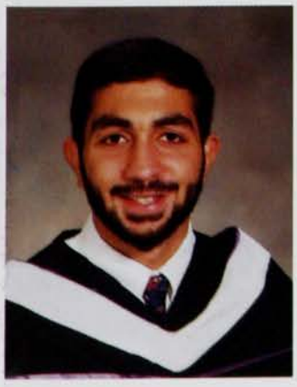
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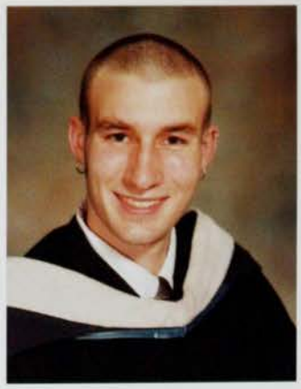
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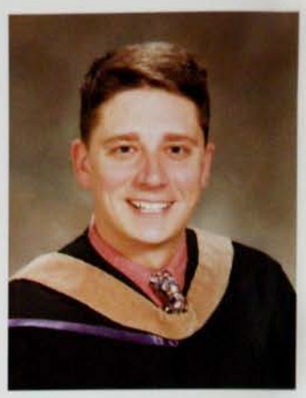
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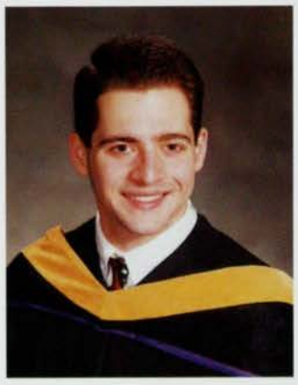
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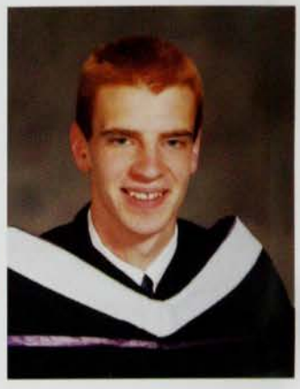
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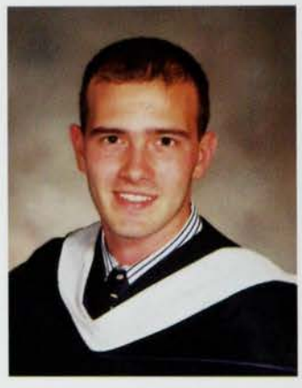
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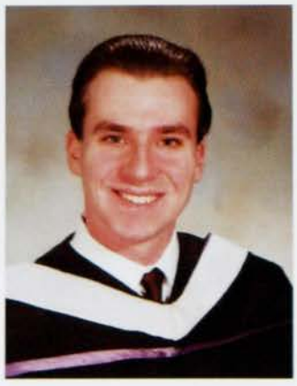
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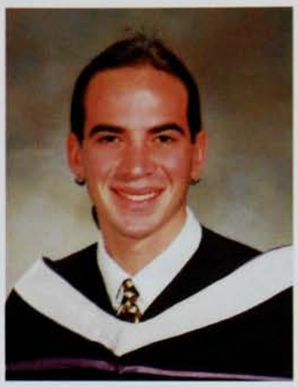
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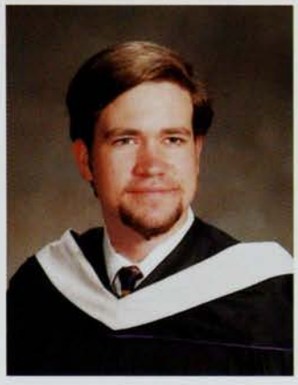
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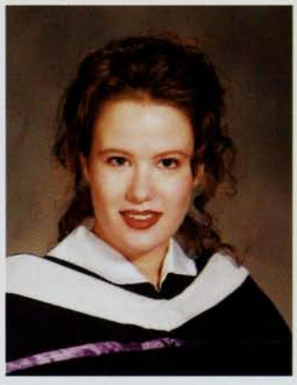
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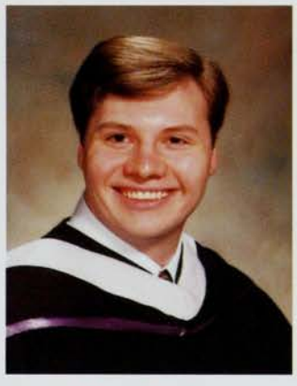
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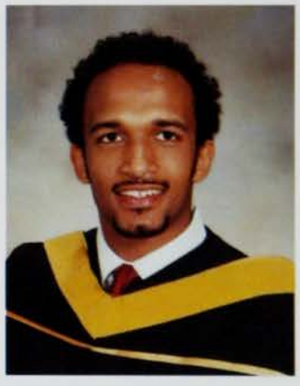
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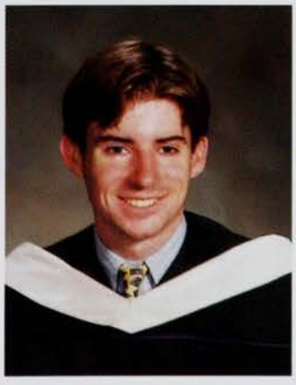
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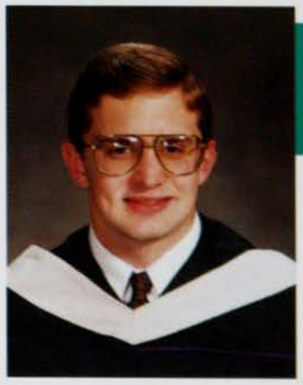
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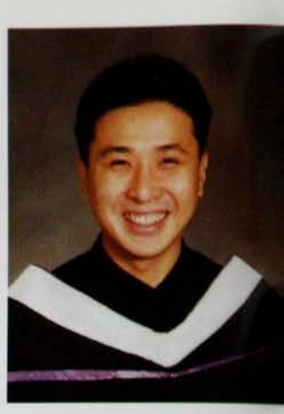
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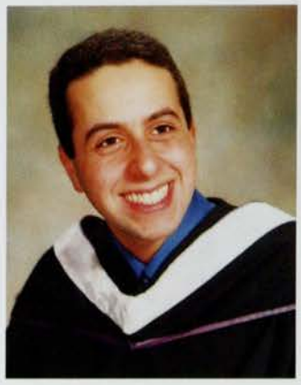
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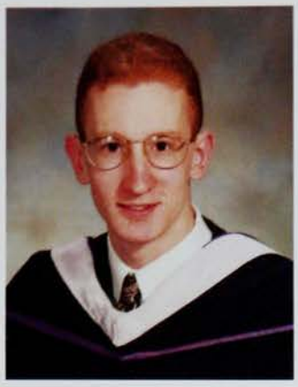
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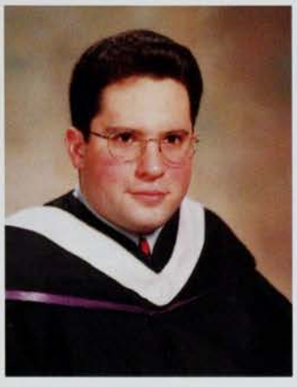
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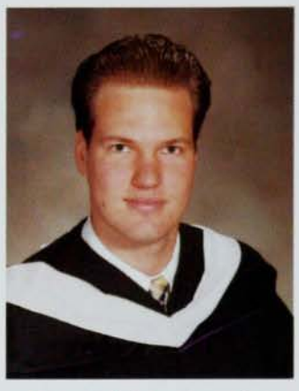
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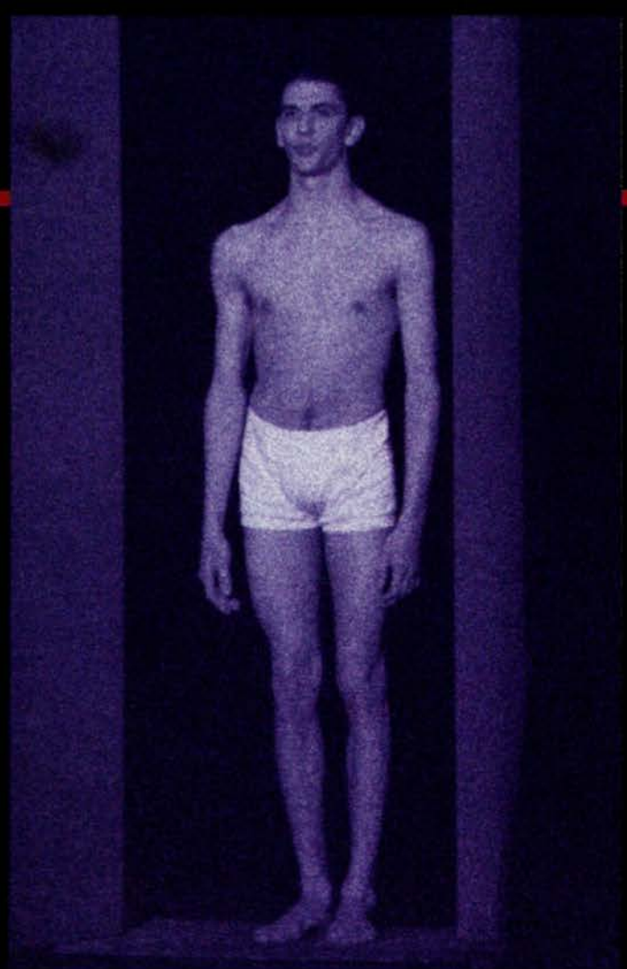
WHO'S WHO AT GWU



Jamine A. Hill

Jamine A. Hill is a graduate of the School of Business and Public Management majoring in Marketing. During her years at The George Washington University, she balanced innovative work within her field, as well as superior service to the university and her school. She cites the "art of time management" as one of the most important lessons learned in her college experience. She has learned this lesson well, receiving the Board of Trustees Scholarship and serving as the Mentor Manager in the SBPM First Year development Program. Her work in her field includes award winning marketing proposals for both the Georgetown Park Mall and The University Police Department Van Escort Service. On campus, she was involved in The Black People's Union and Caribbean Student Association.

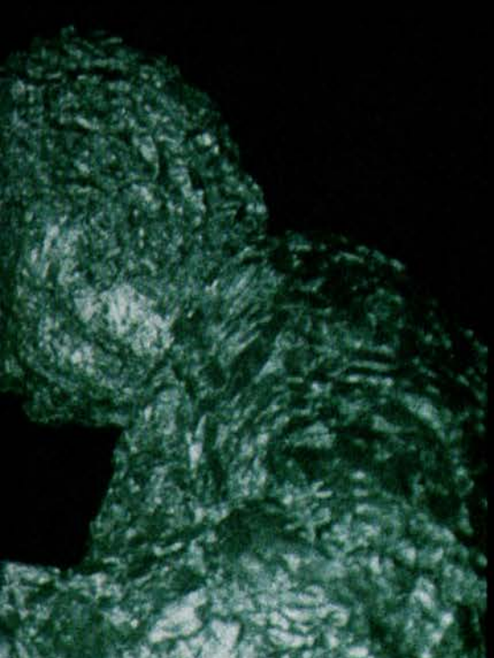






Wrapping it Up





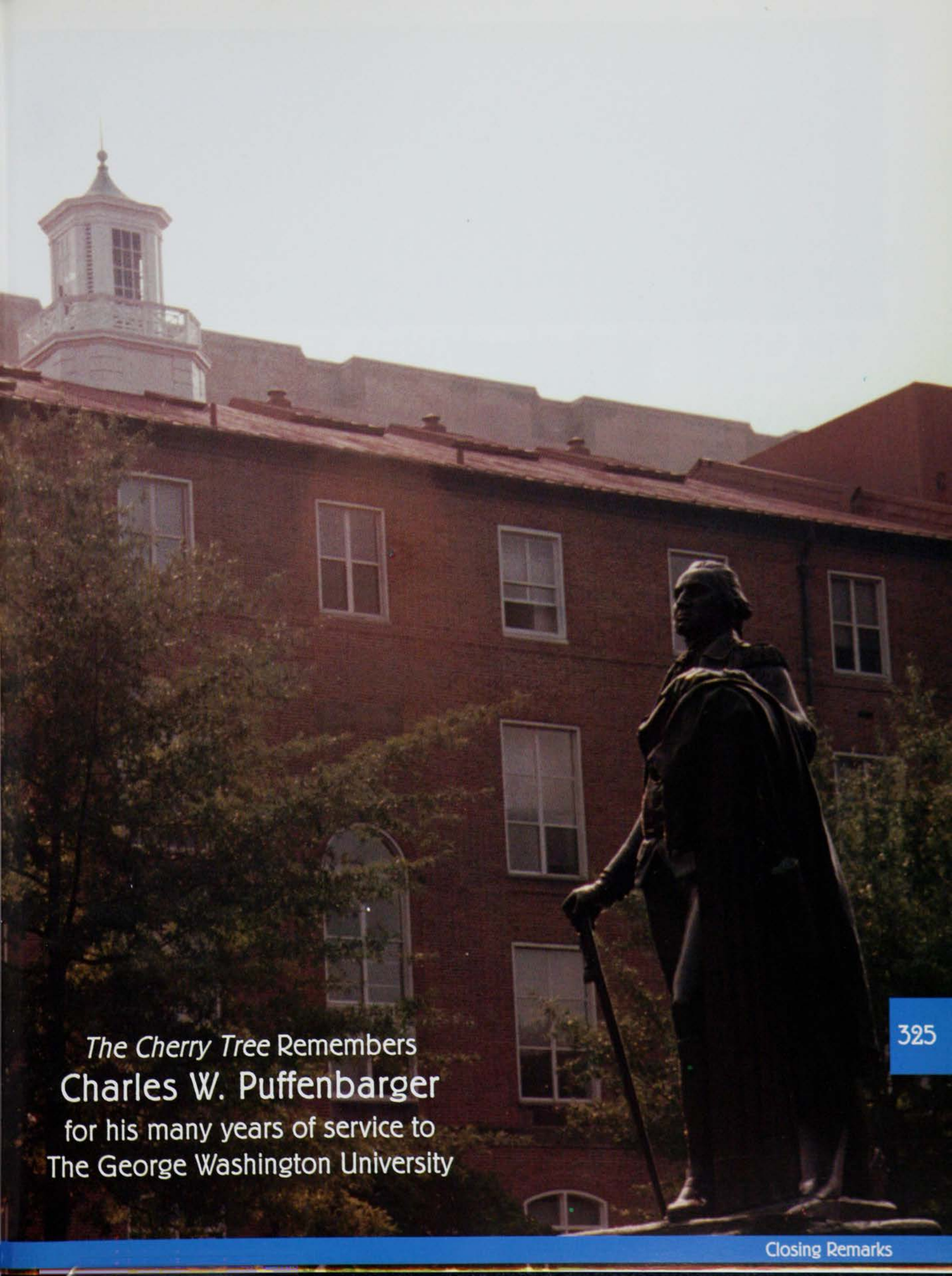


the end of the book

we, *the cherry tree*, see this as an opportune time to reveal our theme and its purpose in relation to the book as a whole--in the buff--where did it come from and why?

we began looking ahead for this year's theme by looking behind. we examined *the cherry tree* archive to find a place to start. we discovered that our yearbooks have, for the most part, encapsulated a complete photo record of each year. copy in years past has recorded our growth at gw, in DC and the world. design has been always competent and classic. in short, past books are boring. in four excruciating hours, the staff poured over nearly one hundred years of the SAME OLD BOOK.

we needed a new angle: enter "*buffitude.*" throwing around ideas we decided to innovate our design, intensify our copy, and enlighten our photography. some of our goals were reached, some surpassed, and some failed totally and miserably. but whatever the result, our hope is that in twenty years, students will look back at their annual and see their university portrayed honestly, intelligently, and with flair. we hope they see gw — in the buff.


The Cherry Tree Remembers
Charles W. Puffenbarger
for his many years of service to
The George Washington University

On a Personal Note...

Jennifer,

You are an incredible young woman. We know you'll be a great success.

We're so very proud of you. Congratulations.

XX

Love,
Mom & Dad



Dear Rachel,
Congratulations!
We are proud of you!
May all your dreams come true.

Love
Mom & Dad
Erik & Beth

De eerste mijlpaal in jouw leven.
Jaren was het heel hard streven.
Altijd op weg naar de straight A.
Je hebt het fantastisch gedaan.
Nu nog een goede baan.
Daar zul je ook in slagen,
ons hoef je niets meer te vragen.
Alles kun je nu zelf beslissen,
niet gauw zul je je vergissen.
Komt er toch een moeilijke tijd,
een moment van echte onzekerheid.
Dan kun je bij ons altijd terecht,
dat menen wij heel oprecht.
Wat wij je nu willen geven,
is alleen maar SIMCHA in jouw leven.
Misschien weet je het al wel,
we zijn trots op je, Michel.

Jessica, Frits en Kitty.



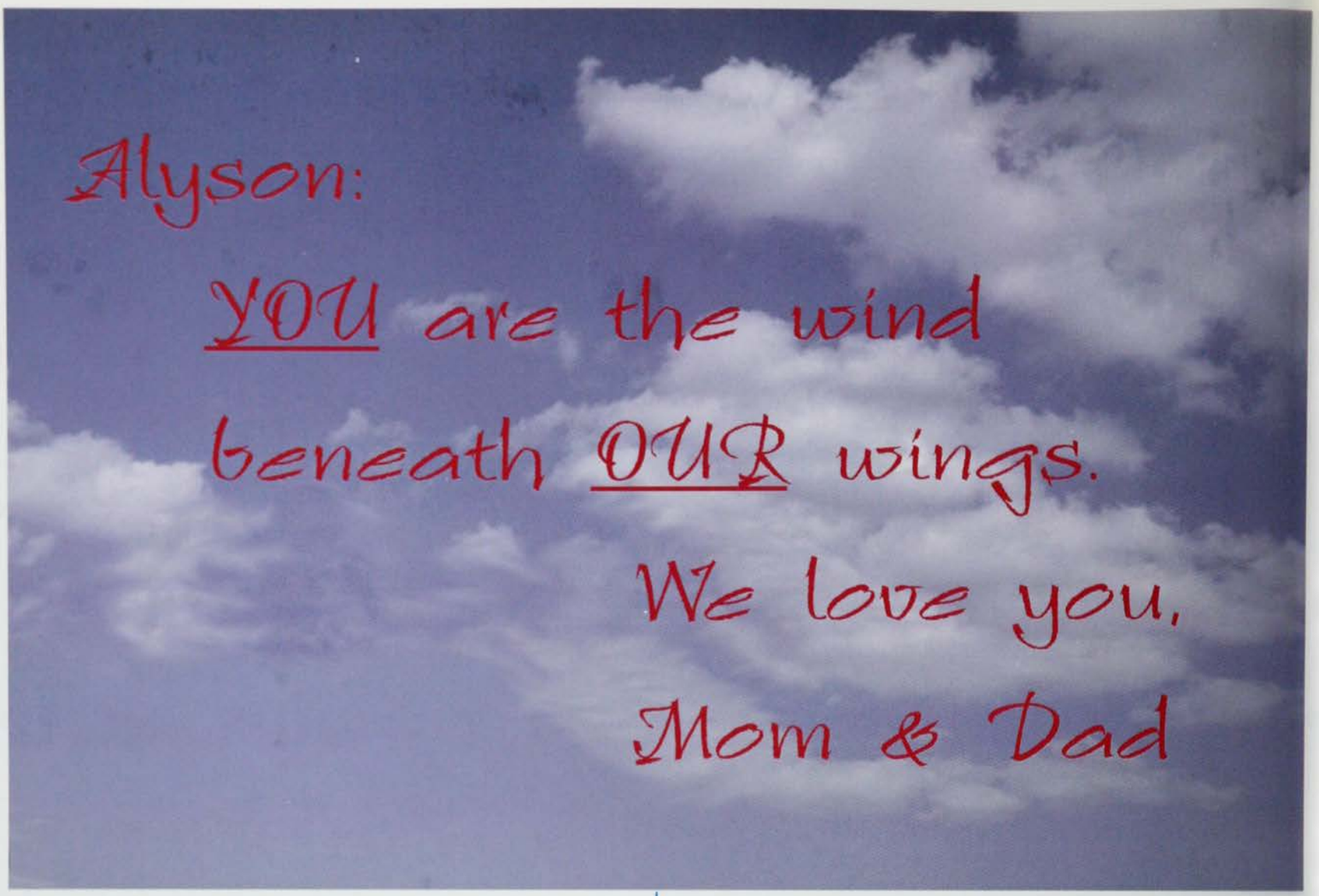
Michel Koopman.

Congratulations Michael!

"Listening to your heart, finding out who you are, is not simple. It takes time for the chatter to quiet down. In the silence of "not doing" we begin to know what we feel. If we listen and hear what is being offered, then anything in life can be our guide."

You have been a guide bringing joy and laughter to all who know you. Know we are proud of you and your accomplishments!

Love Mom, Dad, Mandi, Michelle, Keith & Poppa





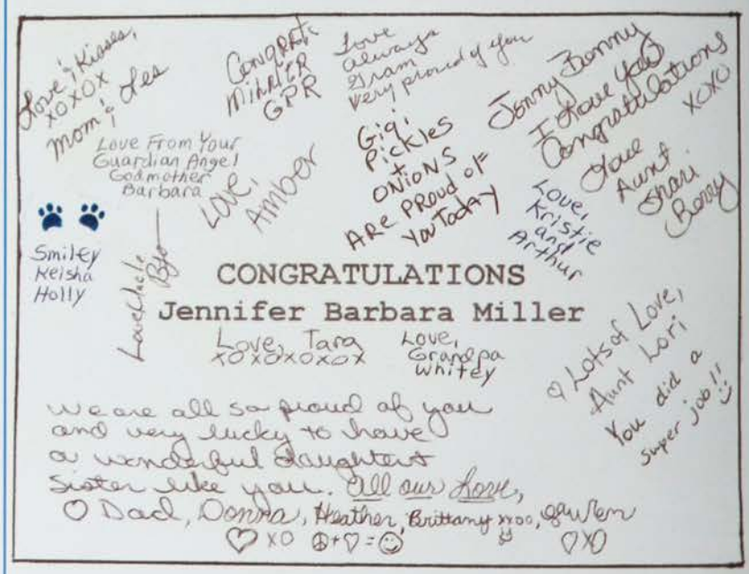
"Never let the odds keep you from pursuing what you know in your heart you were meant to do."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Congratulations, Anne

We are very proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad



CONGRATULATIONS
Jennifer Barbara Miller

Dear Sarah Beth,

May you live your life the way you want,

May you prosper and enjoy,

May you always have the best of times,

May you always know we care.

Best wishes on your graduation from George Washington University. We are very proud of your many accomplishments and successes.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Peter



J a c l y n R e n e L i c h t e n

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CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud
of both of you
and
hope life brings
you only the best.

Love,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS

RACHEL!

We are so proud of you.
With love from
Mom, Dad, & Eric

Congratulations,
Brooke
Great Work,
You.
Love
Norman



For Our Darling
Daughter Shari

Just 21 years ago
We unwrapped the sun.

May the radiance
Of your gleaming smile,
Talent, intelligence and
warmth
Shine on...

As you ignite tomorrow with
today.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Your dreams have always carried you beyond the horizon...
Your potential is bounded only by your imagination.
We love you... Mom and Dad

Congratulation CTY Seniors!

Jason A. Chautin
David J. Jea
Courtney Mikoryak
Fu-Shing Wu

The Cherry Tree Staff

To our son Mitchell
and his classmates.

May the path of success fulfill all of your dreams and expectations.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Robyn & Warren
Katz

To Brooke

To sue or to sew,

That is the question???

Congratulations
We are so very proud of you
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Erin and Hillary





LA VITA E' MERAVIGLIOSA
UN POSTO AL SOLE

Caro Stefano, a nome mio personale - e per conto di tutti coloro i quali ti vogliono bene (papa, mamma e nonno al primo posto) ti chiedo il permesso di esprimere, a nome di tutti, le nostre vivissime congratulazioni per aver saputo conquistare la prima ed importante tappa della tua vita: la conquista scolastica e tutt' altro che poca cosa, rappresenta un' eccellente base di partenza per proseguire la scalata della vita in tutti i sensi. Caro Stefano e caro figlio, noi tutti desideriamo assicurarti che continueremo il cammino al tuo fianco. Noi tutti desideriamo sollecitarti a continuare a programmare sempre nuovi orizzonti, sociali ed economici. Caro Stefano, sai benissimo che la conquista scolastica rappresenta la premessa per l' inserimento nel mondo del lavoro. Tu devi assolutamente, devi continuare - come hai fatto sino d' ora con la scuola - a cercare di migliorare sempre, e con il lavoro, e con la fascia sociale.

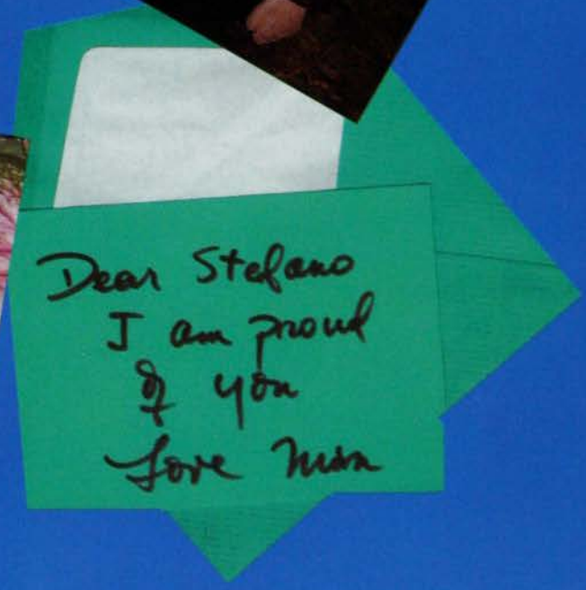
Per esperienza, ti possiamo anticipare che incontrerai difficolta di varia natura ma ti possiamo anche dire con molta, molta obiettivita e sincerita che tu puoi assolutamente continuare a migliorare nel mondo del lavoro, nel mondo dell' economia, nel mondo finanziario.

Tutti noi: genitori, nonno, amici, fratelli, ti esprimiamo ancora i nostri piu affettuosi rallegramenti invitandoti pero a non mollare la via intrapresa.

Ciao "CATENACCIO" e vai dritto, dritto verso il sole e quando l' avrai raggiunto, perche tu lo puoi raggiungere, pensa a chi ti ha veramente voluto bene.







To Heather Malkin

For all that you are
For all that you will be
Congratulations
and
our love
Mom and Dad



Aly,
Congradulations on your graduation.
We're soooo proud of you.
Beth, Chuck. & Jeff

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul.
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.
Pamela Vaull Starr

Kathryn A. Henderson
Are we ever proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Jason,

You're a terrific young man. It is wonderful when good things happen to a special person like you.

We're so glad for your success, but then to us, you've always been a success. You have been successful in your work, in your relationships with others, in the way you look at the world, and in the way you live your life. We wanted to remind you that we have always believed in you and let you know how proud and happy we are for you.

We're lucky to have you as our son.
Congratulations & Love
Mom & Dad

To: Suzanne Lynne Fox
We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Stay the very special person that you have always been.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Greg,
Jackie, Art, Dylan,
Jordan, and Grammy



"the truth is out there"

love, mom & dad

Congradulations Matt,
Your accomplishments of today have paved the way for your tomorrows.
We are all so proud of you.
With much love and pride,
Roberta, Matthew and Stephanie Ferrara

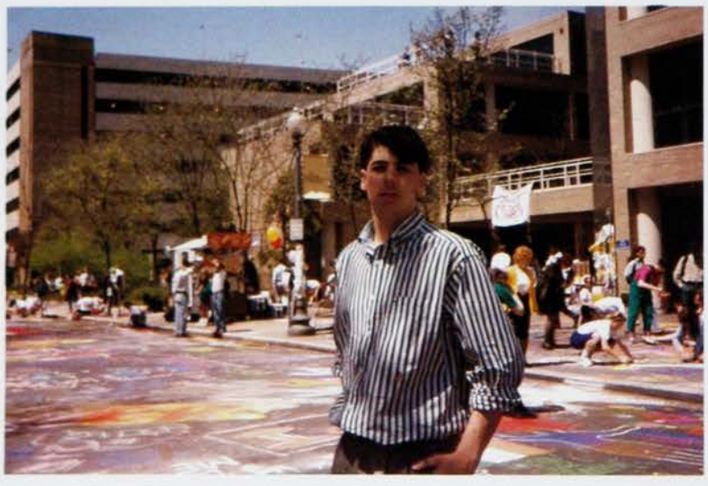
Dear Michael,

Your accomplishments and successes speak volumes of who you are. Continue to dream big dreams and set your standards high. Congratulations on your graduation!

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, and Jim



"Washington is a city of southern efficiency and northern charm."
- John F. Kennedy



"It is not wrong to try and fail; it is wrong to fail to try."
- Richard M. Nixon

Congratulations Eric Kerensky!!

We're proud of you for your significant accomplishments!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Family

Congratulations, Shanan!

You certainly did "Carpe Diem!" It wasn't a traditional college experience, but you created a unique, exciting learning experience for yourself. Your accomplishments certainly exceeded our expectations! We are confident that your future is in good hands.

Love,
Mom & Dad

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- Residence Hall wiring for Web access
- Issues Awareness Night dealt with topics such as AIDS and date rape

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- Gelman Library improvements:
 * more study carrels
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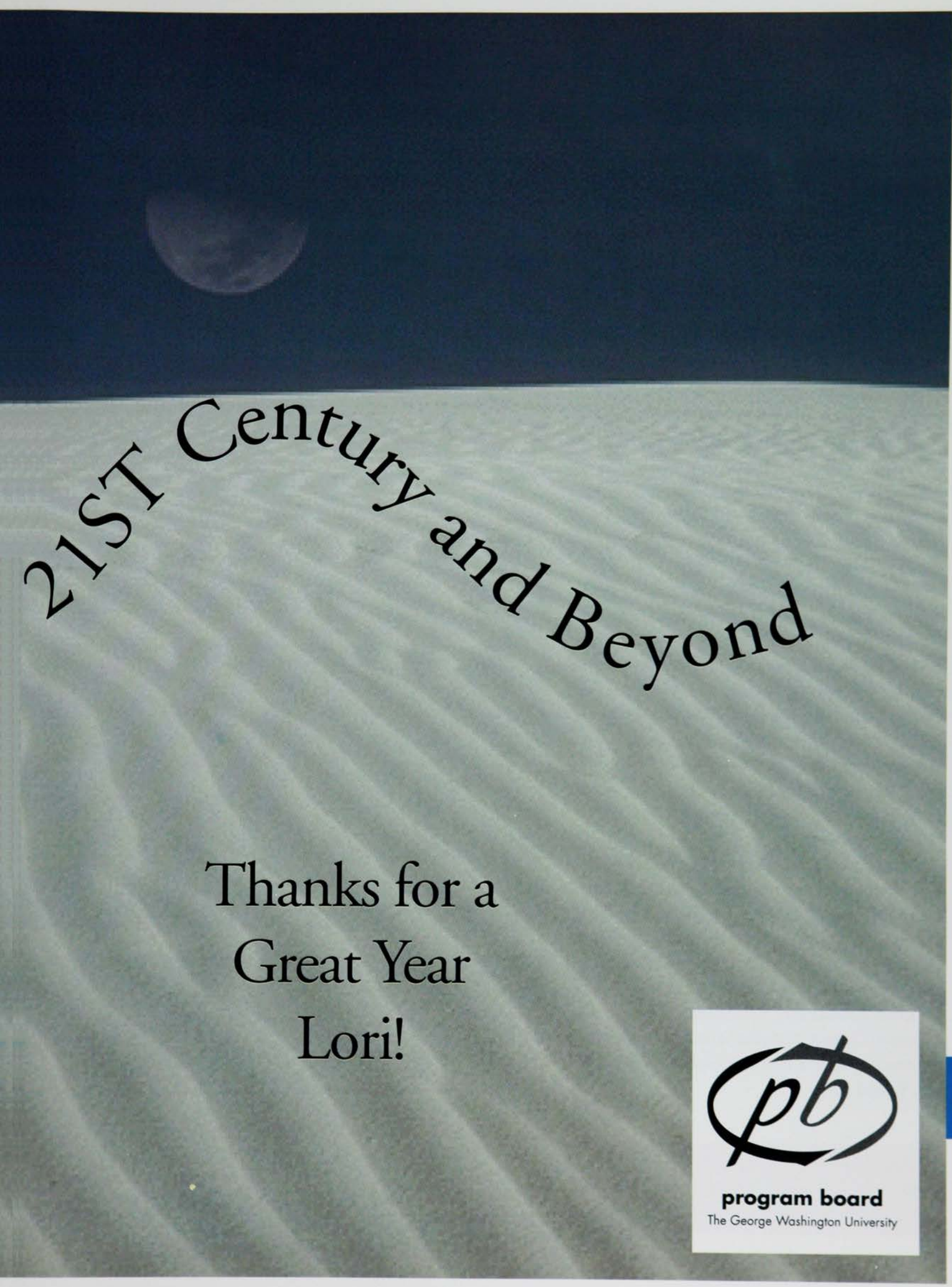
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The Marvin Center Governing Board had an incredible year that began in March of 1996. Students were in Washington over the summer planning the year's activities and anticipating projects to be undertaken. The First Annual Marvin Center Governing Board Barbecue kicked off the year for the Board, serving over 5,000 students on a sunny day in October.

In the fall, the administration placed finalities on a plan for new painting, furniture and carpeting for the fourth floor student group offices. Following the directives set forth by the Marvin Center Governing Board, the furniture was received and the renovations completed over winter recess. The fourth floor offices have been transformed, and the GW community has benefitted enormously from the work of the administration and representatives of the Governing Board.

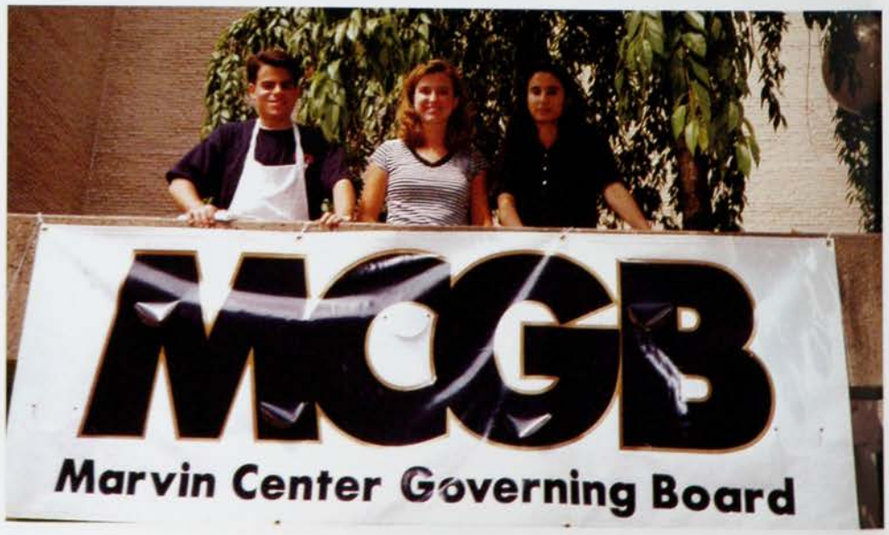
In addition to the fourth floor renovations, a new Student Organization Resource Center, better known as SORC, has been established through the advocacy of the Marvin Center Governing Board. Student groups now have a specified area for making copies, faxing documents, and more. The Student Organization Resource Center is another excellent addition to the student union that the Governing Board is very proud of.

Kate Arnold (Chair) and Rania Swadek (Secretary) are enthusiastic for the first annual barbecue.



Jonathan Pompan, Lawrence MacNamara, Kate Arnold and Rania Swadek take a break from cooking.





The Marvin Center Governing Board's new logo is displayed at the barbecue along with Jonathan Pompan (Vice-Chair), Kate Arnold (Chair) and Rania Swadek (Secretary).

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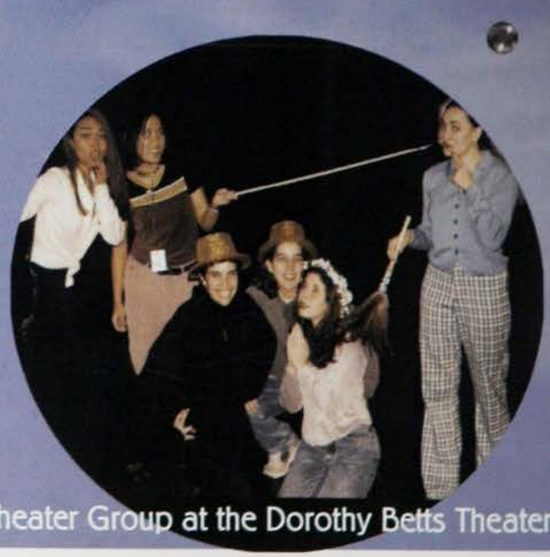
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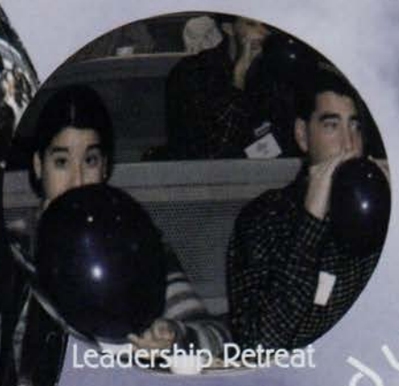


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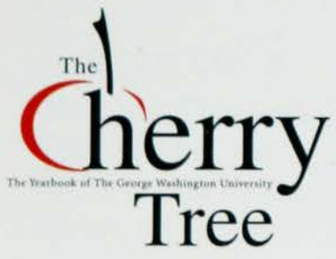
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editor's note...



My senior class quote read: When you're climbing your ladder of success, be sure it is leaning up against the right building. When I began working at *The Cherry Tree*, I never expected to be Editor in Chief. Well, after four years of college, I have continued to make my way up the ladder. This year's *Cherry Tree* will be the best yearbook the university has ever seen. This is primarily due to a great Editorial Board and a committed staff. As Editor in Chief, I am lucky to have been able to work with such a skilled staff.

Most people do not realize the amount of work and preparation that goes into making a yearbook. Without the help of my Executive Editor, Danette Sokacich, I could not have made it through the year. Danette has played an integral role in getting the "little things" organized and accomplished. I would only have to look at her and with a soothing glance and an iron will, Danette would always make things work. Danette's drive and creativity spawned George's Gallery — *The Cherry Tree's* first section with arts and poetry.

The book would look utterly dull if it were not for the efforts of the dynamic Design Editor, Steve Kim. Steve has taken *The Cherry Tree* to a completely new level. He has integrated design techniques from some of today's most popular magazines. Without the Design Team, I could not have finished this massive project. Elizabeth Donohue, Amy Lestition, and Nicole Phelps spent countless hours making sure each spread had the right headline, the right colors, and the right look.

I can only say two words to my Photography Editor — Thank You! Kathy Neschleba has done it all. From taking pictures in the field to organizing the more than 45,000 pictures the staff has taken this year, Kathy made the difference. Both David J. Jea and Mei-i Zien have given the photographs in the book flair, and every picture is "worth a thousands words."

However, even with the pictures, the words are just as important. Angelena Abate created a new style. Angelena's copy staff created a behind-the-scenes approach to the various features in the book.

Perhaps one of the hardest and most thankless jobs on the staff goes to the Assistant Editors. Fu-Shing Wu and Joshua Barbour managed to bring tasks together and to closure. Fu-Shing made the entire staff laugh and always managed to work with a smile on his face. Fu-Shing is personally responsible for the largest number of seniors ever pictured in our book's history. Invaluably, Josh calmed me down during times of hardship, was always a friend when I needed him, and did any job that needed to get done.

The Greeks section looks great thanks to Courtney Mikoryak. She spent countless hours calling all the fraternities and sororities. I am glad that we are still great friends after all the crap she had to juggle. This year there were more Greek-letter organizations pictured than ever before.

Sports Illustrated step aside — here comes Christopher Goldson. Christopher has added the in-depth reporting to the sports section that has made it a pleasure to read. With action-packed pictures and dynamic copy, Christopher helped GW remember 1997 as "the year in sports."

I would also like to thank Chandra Townsend for creating a new logo for *The Cherry Tree*. Her creativity will be remembered as a part of GW's history.

I don't know where I would have been without Mary Ann McYat. She helped me during the summer months proof the rest of the book and caught many mistakes that I otherwise would have missed.

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Lastly, I would also like to thank my mother and father for putting up with me this past year. Whenever they visited, I would always have a reason for working on the book. Without their moral support I would never have made it through this year.

Good luck to all the graduating seniors on your future endeavors.




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